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Letter from the President

Submitted by Mike Massey

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It has been a relatively beautiful summer on the lake. I hope you have all enjoyed it. The LHA Fall Meeting has been scheduled. Please take a minute to read about it and when you have finished, mark your calendars to be sure you don't miss out on this informative annual event.

LHA Annual Fall Meeting.

The LHA Board of Directors is happy to announce that the Lake Hartwell Association annual meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, at the Anderson Civic Center. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM and run for approximately two hours.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide our members, guests and friends of the lake:

- The ability to hear some very interesting and important speakers relating to Hartwell Lake and the Savannah River Basin
- An update of the activities the LHA team has been working for the past year,
- The opportunity to meet your officers and members of the Board of Directors, ask questions of them and all speakers and,
- An opportunity to win one of the great door prizes.



This year's keynote speaker is Colonel Mark S. Held, District Commander, Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Colonel Held assumed command of the District on May 27, 2004. The Colonel will provide some very interesting insights regarding his view of the role of the Corps relating to the Savannah River Basin and Hartwell Lake. Please review the article in the newsletter for information on additional speakers and activities. The meeting is free. Bring a friend. I hope to see you there.

Governors Create Committees to Begin Water Sharing Talks

Joe Brenner, Dr. Larry Dyck and I, all representing the Lake Hartwell Association (LHA), attended a *Savannah River at Risk* conference in Augusta several weeks ago. We were fortunate to hear Georgia Governor Purdue announce that he and South Carolina Governor Sanford have appointed committees to discuss water sharing issues between the two states sharing the Savannah River. The LHA Position Paper approved by the LHA Board of Directors last year is titled "*Recommendation for a Savannah River Basin Water Agreement Between Georgia and South Carolina, November 16, 2004*" is available on the Lake Hartwell Association website.

LHA has stated in the position paper that "The Lake Hartwell Association (LHA) highly recommends and supports the concept that the States of Georgia and South Carolina, and including the Federal Government, should enter into an agreement concerning the management and operation of the water resources in the Savannah River Basin (SRB). It would be in the interest of all parties to support this proposal. LHA also suggests that the time to undertake this activity is now before any water disputes occur which may result in long-term litigation and potentially negative consequences to one or more parties."

Governor Purdue announced that the committees would meet to talk about how to equitably share the Savannah River Basin water resources. The officials hope a water sharing agreement will avoid future multi-million dollar lawsuits that have been ongoing for about 14 years between Georgia, Florida and Alabama over the water in the Chattahoochee River.

LHA has stated "Ideally, if the negotiations among the parties were successful, an agreement would take the form of a Savannah River Basin Compact. A Compact is a specific form of interstate arrangement, provided for in the U.S. Constitution and used to create binding, enforceable agreements between states. A Compact is created when the legislatures of the respective states and the Congress of the United States all enact identical Bills that encompass the agreement and those Bills are signed into law by the respective Governors and the President."

We at the Lake Hartwell Association are very supportive of this action by the governors and, of course, will continue to work towards a successful agreement. We feel it is a significant step towards protecting the water in the lake for the future residents, businesses and visitors. Until next time - let's keep the lake "clean and deep." To contact me, send an email to mail@lakehartwellassociation.org or call 1-864-222-1925.

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2005 Fall Member Information Meeting

Submitted by Bert Menees

The LHA Board of Directors recently voted to continue the practice of having two membership meetings each year. The Board is dedicated to making these meetings as informative and interesting as possible. The fall meeting is especially important because it provides members insights into issues that will directly impact the future of Hartwell Lake and the Savannah River Basin.

The keynote speaker this year is perhaps the person who is best able to provide those insights. He is Colonel Mark S. Held, Commander of the Savannah District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. There will be more about Colonel Held and other speakers, but it is suggested that you mark your calendar now and make plans to attend this meeting. The meeting will be Thursday, November 10 at the Anderson Civic Center. It will start at 7:00 PM and end about 9:00 PM. This meeting is considered our public information meeting and is open to anyone interested in Hartwell Lake and water-related issues in the SRB.



Colonel Mark S. Held will be the keynote speaker at Fall Meeting

There will be a short business meeting during which the President Mike Massey and a few of the other directors will update members on the recent activities of the Association. Door prize tickets will be distributed at the door, and 10 small appliance door prizes will be awarded to lucky ticket holders at the end of the meeting. Light refreshments will be served before and during the meeting.

Colonel Mark Held assumed command of the Savannah District, USACE, on May 17, 2004. He came to the Savannah District from duty as Deputy Division Commander of the South Atlantic Division in Atlanta. Prior to that he was the Commander and District Engineer of the Charleston SC District. Colonel Held served in Iraq as the first Commander of the Iraq Reconstruction Office in Baghdad.

Colonel Held earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Public Administration degree from Western Kentucky University. He also earned a Master of Science degree in Construction Engineering from Arizona State University. His military assignments and military honors are too numerous to

list here, but he has had a long and distinguished Army career. The USACE Savannah District, which he now commands, performs work nationwide and worldwide in support of master planning and construction of family housing, barracks and other facilities in addition to design and construction, water resource planning and real estate activities along the Savannah River Basin.



Glenn Brill, the Executive Director of the new Anderson Convention & Visitor's Bureau will make a short presentation on the activities of that agency. Kevin Bryant, recently elected a state senator from South Carolina District 3, will inform us about issues that are currently under consideration at the state level that will impact Hartwell Lake. Virgil Hobbs, USACE Hartwell Project Manager, may also make some brief comments on Corps activities.

There will be an opportunity near the end of the meeting for members to question LHA board members or the quest speakers on any subject. The Board would like to see a good turnout by LHA members at this meeting.

LHA Mission Statement

We will develop and establish the Lake Hartwell Association as an organization that promotes and encourages cooperation, assistance, and information exchange among those concerned with Hartwell Lake and the Savannah River Basin.

We will provide a forum to collectively represent our membership on issues that pertain to the development, preservation, and comprehensive management of Hartwell Lake.

We will collect and distribute information on matters affecting Hartwell Lake.

We will maintain liaisons and communications between the Lake Hartwell Association and educational, governmental, scientific, and other communities.

Anderson County Parks Benefit from Bioengineering

By Amy O. Maxwell, USDA-NRCS
Public Affairs Specialist

Two parks in Anderson County now have a new look thanks to an energized partnership. Darwin Wright and Cater's Lake Parks were the locations of a recent shoreline stabilization demonstration project. The project was a joint effort of local, state,



and federal agencies, and people in Anderson County are reaping the benefits. The Anderson Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) along with Clemson University's Shoreline Restoration Research Project coordinated the project, with technical and financial assistance provided by the City of Anderson (Parks and Street Departments), USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Foothills Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council.

Last April, the Anderson SWCD and Dr. Larry Dyck, Clemson University Shoreline Restoration Research Project coordinator, approached the City of Anderson about installing bioengineering demonstrations around Darwin Wright and Cater's Lakes. The shoreline restoration project was initiated to help heal the scars of erosion that marred both of the lakes. Undercut banks created large ravines and unsightly erosion. Despite being an eyesore, the erosion was causing even bigger problems for water quality.

When plant roots or other materials do not stabilize soil around a lake or pond, non-point source pollution is the result. This means that polluted water runs off into nearby streams and other water sources. The solution to this pollution is actually quite simple! Basically, the rule of thumb is that a naturally vegetated shoreline is crucial to a lake's health. Vegetation along these lakes acts as lungs and kidneys, filtering out harmful pollutants, protecting and beautifying the public parks and enhancing fish and wildlife habitat. Using bioengineering (a mixture of plants and other reinforcing materials), the shoreline

around these water bodies was healed.

At Cater's Lake 500 feet of shoreline were stabilized using recycled materials donated by the City of Anderson. The eroded shoreline was then stabilized with over 250 native plants and mulched with ground brush and tree limbs. Materials used at both projects included filter fabrics and native plants such as Switch grass. "The long roots of Switch grass are an excellent way of holding soil in place along a shoreline," explained Dyck. "There are many benefits of introducing natural materials into the shoreline, and it's more of a permanent solution as opposed to using manmade materials which need to be replaced."

At Darwin Wright Park 250 feet of shoreline was rebuilt using soil brought in by the county. Switch grass was then plugged into filter fabric, and rocks were used to anchor the plants. Foothills RC&D

Council Chairman Wes Cooler said, "With the rapid growth of Anderson County, it's important that we remember the importance of maintaining and protecting open spaces like these parks, which are in the middle of the city." He said the demon-



stration projects will not only protect these areas and nearby water sources, but may also encourage homeowners around the lake to do the same. "I hope that homeowners who live along the shoreline will see this project and realize that they can also make a difference by stabilizing their own shoreline." Dave Demarest emphasized those thoughts by saying, "We are trying to show the general public the big picture in that it's important to protect soil and water resources and that it is everyone's responsibility to do his part."

Mike Banks, NRCS District Conservationist for Anderson County, recently welcomed project partners and others to an unveiling of the project sign at Darwin Wright Park. "This sign will hopefully educate park visitors and Anderson County residents about the project and help them realize the role that we all play in soil and water conservation." He also recognized the Anderson County Legislative Delegation for providing cost-share funds from the Water Recreation Fund to install the project.

Legislative Committee Update: Water Planning

Submitted by Joe Brenner

Two years ago Georgia passed legislation requiring the development of a State Water Plan by 2008. Dr Carol Couch, head of GA EPD, recently kicked off this effort by defining the structure and organization for the Plan development. The overarching goals are as follows:

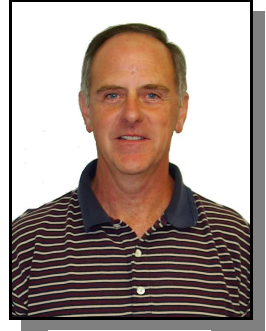
1. Meet future water needs while protecting aquifers, in-stream uses and downstream users
2. Meet public health and environmental needs

Management objectives are to minimize withdrawals, maximize returns, meet instream and offstream needs and meet assimilative capacity needs. The structure of the effort will include a Statewide Advisory Council (consisting of various industry, environmental, agricultural and conservation groups), a Technical Advisory Council and six Basin Advisory Councils comprising stakeholders from each geographic region. The Savannah and Ogeechee basins will be represented by one of these BAC's. LHA expects to have participation on this BAC and has submitted nominees both to Dr. Couch and through the Georgia Water Coalition.

The Georgia Water Coalition (GWC), of which LHA is a member, will participate on the Statewide Advisory Council. GWC held three meetings this summer in which we participated in order to develop policy positions for each of the defined planning areas. A full description of the Planning Process as well as further information on GWC activities, can be found on their website at www.gwf.org/gawater/.

A "Savannah River-at-Risk" seminar was held in Augusta in June. This was an opportunity for stakeholders from the three distinct basin regions to share issues and concerns. We were

fortunate to have Gov. Sonny Perdue of Georgia as a keynote speaker. At that time the Governor announced that he and SC Gov. Mark Sanford have formed a joint planning team for the Savannah Basin. This is basically the kick-off of a process that should lead to a GA-SC Interstate Water Compact, something that LHA has been recommending for a long time.



Joe Brenner

A key part of good water planning is understanding the basin dynamics. This has been the goal of a comprehensive basin model and study that the USACE has been conducting. Though the Corps will be issuing revised drought plan recommendations this fall, current and future funding to do further modeling is in question. LHA issued memos to each of our federal senators and representatives in support of full funding for this effort.

Please Send Us Your Correct Email Address?

At this time we only have email addresses for about 50% of our members. The LHA Board of Directors can not possibly express just how important it is for us to be able to contact members on short notice. We will only send you important information that we feel that you should know, such as PCB settlement issues, pending legislation, water level forums, etc. We will never sell/give away your email address. We only want it "For the Sake of the Lake." Send it to

ForTheSakeOfTheLake@gmail.com

Boating Safety: Learn the Basics Before You Set Out!

Submitted by Dan Ray

Even if you don't own a boat, if you ever go out in one as a passenger, you should know the basics of boating. Even if you're just going for a ride, here are a few tips you should know:

- Ask the location of the Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs), the fire extinguisher, emergency signaling devices, and other safety gear.
- Practice throwing PFDs or a line to a person overboard, practice anchoring the boat and getting aboard from the water.
- Ask about the operation of the boat, how do you start it, how do you stop it, and how to use the radio (if equipped).
- Better yet, even if you don't own a boat, take a basic boating course.



**Wear Your Life Jacket--It Saves Lives
Boater Education Saves Lives
Sober Boating Saves Lives
Safe Boating Saves Lives**

"Pass It On"

Meet The Directors: LHA's "Boating Professor"

Submitted by Bert Menees

Every lake association needs someone on the Board who is a boat operation and safety expert. LHA has just the person in Dan Ray, the chairman of our Safety Committee for the past 5 years and a member of the Power Squadron for over 40 years. He has been active in their boating education program for all of those years.



Dan grew up in Nashville, Tennessee. He earned an undergraduate engineering degree from Vanderbilt University and a Masters in Chemical Engineering from the University of Louisville. He went to work for the Research Division of Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Akron, Ohio, in 1950 and remained with that company until his retirement in 1989. Dan's research included tire fibers and adhesion, but it was his work with polyester polymers for textiles that resulted in numerous trips into the textile areas of the Southeast, including Greenville. Dan and wife, Joanne, also had a daughter living in Simpsonville, S.C. during the latter part of that period, so familiarity with the area, and their interest in boating made Hartwell Lake the perfect retirement location. Dan and Joanne bought what was essentially a weekend cabin near Sadler's Creek State Park in 1990 and after significant remodeling with major additions, they moved here from Kent, Ohio, in 1991. Dan pointed out that what is today a beautifully landscaped lot with lots of flowers and shrubs had only one dogwood tree when they arrived.

Dan became active in sailing on inland Ohio lakes and Lake Erie. He joined the Power Squadron in Ohio, held various offices and was Commander of the Akron Squadron in 1977. When he and Joanne moved to Hartwell Lake, he transferred his membership to the Greenville Squadron, which has since changed its name to the Lake Hartwell Sail & Power Squadron. In addition to boating education, Dan is involved with two other squadron programs - vessel safety checks and cooperative charting (checking condition and location of "aids to navigation") for the Corps of Engineers and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Dan completed all ten of the education courses offered by the Power Squadron in Ohio, including Piloting and Celestial Navigation. He was Education Officer for the Lake Hartwell Squadron from 1996-1999 and taught the Piloting course for 12 years. Incidentally, Joanne has also completed a number of the Power Squadron education courses, including Celestial Navigation.

Dan joined LHA in 1998. He became co-chair of the Safety

Committee with Wayne Gaskins in 1999 and in 2000; he was named chairman of that committee. Under his leadership, the committee has sponsored or co-sponsored a number of important programs, a sample of which includes the following:

- (1) A program in 2001 which donated children's life jackets to the Helping Hands Shelter in Clemson (a United Way agency) for disadvantaged children who swim in Hartwell Lake for recreation and exercise.
- (2) Installation in 2001-2002 and continuing maintenance of bulletin boards which disseminate boating safety information at all five marinas and seven widely used boat ramps on Hartwell Lake.
- (3) A program initiated in 2002 makes life jackets for children available at no cost for short-term loans. The jackets may be borrowed at any of the five marinas on Hartwell Lake. The borrower only needs to provide proper identification. BoatUS and West Marine in Anderson provided the life jackets.
- (4) Participation in various boating education programs, such as the LHA booth at the Anderson Mall in 2004 to stress safety on the water to kids. The booth was part of a program sponsored by the Anderson County Safe Kids organization which is associated with AnMed Health.
- (5) Award of a free life jacket to the winner of a Kids Coloring Contest sponsored by the St. Joseph's Catholic School in Anderson in 2004.

Before moving to South Carolina, Dan and Joanne frequently visited their daughter, Cindy Pendley, in Simpsonville. Cindy and her family now live in Easley and she is a business unit leader at Michelin in Spartanburg. There are 2 grandchildren. Cindy is co-owner of a house on the lake within 1/2 mile of Dan, so Dan and Joanne are in frequent contact with the grandchildren. One of Dan's hobbies is woodworking, and he built some of the furniture in Cindy's house in Easley.

Dan is involved in public service other than LHA and the Power Squadron. For the past 8 years, he has served in the public school system as a mentor for children in middle school and high school that need special help. He was a volunteer for the Anderson Literacy Association for a number of years teaching special-need adults to read and write. Dan may be LHA's "boating professor" but it is obvious that he is committed to helping people in other ways as well. We salute Dan Ray, one of our directors of long standing and a vital member of our team.

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Safety Alert!

Non-Serviceable and Substandard Type 1 Unicellular Plastic Foam Life Preservers

Submitted by Dan Ray

Source: <http://www.uscgboating.org/alerts/pdf/Type1PFDAlert.pdf>

Recently during several annual inspections of small passenger vessels, Coast Guard Marine inspectors discovered a number of problems with personal flotation devices (PFDs) manufactured by Atlantic-Pacific Manufacturing Co. (APCO). APCO formerly produced various types of PFDs including several sizes of unicellular foam life preservers and is currently out of business. PFDs from other manufacturers could have similar problems.

A close inspection revealed-

- Varying body strap lengths, sometimes less than 54" from the tip of the snap hook to the tip of the D-ring, resulting in a very tight fitting adult sized PFD on average sized crew member,
- Non-resilient and brittle condition of the PFD flotation foam,
- Differences in foam volumes and physical size for the same model of PFD and,
- Inaccurate markings, incorrect Q-spec numbers (106.055 vs. 160.055), misspelled words, and incorrect narratives.

Additionally, follow-up buoyancy test of suspect PFDs performed by the Marine inspectors resulted in numerous failures. All PFDs that had failed were condemned and each exhibited noticeable shrinkage and compression. Many of these PFDs have been in use since the 1970's and may have reached the end of their service life.



Left image shows an example of a vinyl dipped PFD with compressed or hardened foam. Right image illustrates a fabric covered PFD with brittle foam.

The US Coast Guard strongly recommends that owners and operators carefully inspect all of their older Type 1 unicellular plastic foam PFDs. Potential indications that a Type 1 unicellular plastic foam PFD may no longer be serviceable are:

1. Compression: The PFD may be compressed from many years if storage.
2. Loss of resiliency: The PFD is excessively hard, stiff or its foam is brittle. Normally after the PFD is compressed to about half its initial thickness, the foam should expand to its original dimension in a short period of time.
3. Shrinkage: A physical reduction in size may be indicated by a wrinkling of the coating on the vinyl-dipped type or by a loose fitting shell on a fabric-covered PFD.
4. Manufacturer: While the potential for problems applies to all older PFDs, those manufactured by the Atlantic-Pacific Manufacturing Corporation (APCO) have been specifically noted. Approval numbers for APCO PFDs are:

160.055/54/1	Adult Model 8130
160.055/111/0	Adult Model 8150
160.055/112/1	Child Model 81510
160.055/121/0	Adult Model 81407 Lot #73
160.055/122/0	Child Model 81410 or 814123



Questions regarding the information presented in this alert may be addressed to Mr. Marty Jackson, Staff Engineer of the U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters Lifesaving & Fire Safety Standards Division at 202.267.0710 or mjackson@comdt.uscg.mil.

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News From The Corps

Flotation Replacement Deadline is January 1, 2006

Submitted by Ranger Tanya Grant, USACE

As another reminder, the deadline for having white bead flotation removed from private boat docks on Hartwell Lake is January 1, 2006. The Hartwell and Pendleton transfer stations currently accept white bead flotation for disposal. Cost is approximately \$40 to \$45 per ton. Minimum fees may apply. Phone numbers for the transfer stations are: Hartwell - (706) 376-7333; Pendleton - (864) 646-6142.

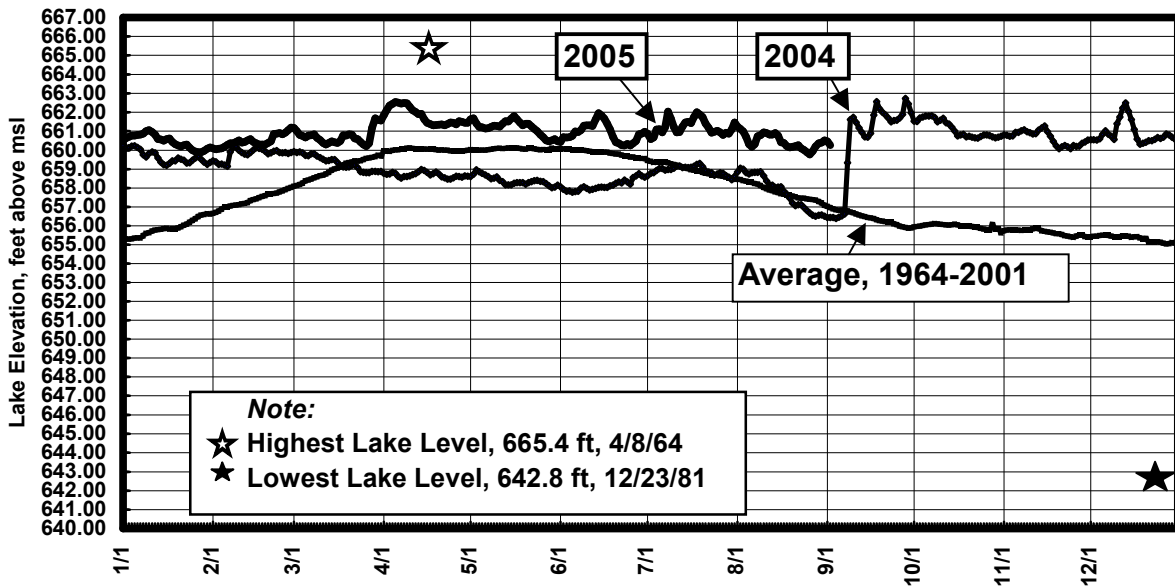
Following the deadline date, the Corps of Engineers will conduct a lake-wide survey to assess compliance. Based on the survey results, a plan of action will be developed and implemented.

Phase I of Shoreline Management Plan Revision Concludes October 15, 2005

Written comments concerning the revision of the Hartwell Project Shoreline Management Plan will be received by the Hartwell Project until October 15, 2005. (Comments can be sent via email to <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/hartwell/hsmp.htm> or by U.S. mail to: Operations Manager's Office, P.O. Box 278, Hartwell Georgia 30643, Attn: Mark Dotson.) This will conclude Phase I of the public review process. Based on comments received and in conjunction with management responsibilities, a proposed shoreline management plan draft is expected to be completed by Spring 2006. Copies of the draft will be provided to individuals who attended the public workshops and will be posted on our website. A comment period of 30 days will be established in relation to the draft proposal. If you have any questions concerning the review process, please contact Mark Dotson at (706) 856-0357 or, toll free, at (888) 893-0678, extension 357.



HARTWELL LAKE ELEVATIONS



Data and charting submitted by Vern Sauer

Corps of Engineers new website "Hartwell Dam & Lake"

Submitted by Vern Sauer

The Corps of Engineers has posted a new web page where you can get lots of useful information about Hartwell Lake. This site is similar to their previous web site, but it's been redesigned and now includes current news as well as lots of general information. For instance, they have information about the Lake Cleanup Campaign that runs from August 18 through September 24. You can get up-to-date information about the proposed revision of the Shoreline Management Plan



and find meeting dates. There are links to the lake level management plan, current lake levels and hydrologic data, recreation, lake level projections, and a wealth of other information. The lake level projection site is helpful for planning short-term activities. It gives 7 days of actual data, and a projection for the following 10 days. Find the Hartwell Dam & Lake website at <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/hartwell>. And don't forget to go to the Lake Hartwell Association web site at <http://www.lakehartwellassociation.org> where you can get more information about the lake and the activities of Lake Hartwell Association.

Send Comments on Shoreline Management Plan

Submitted by Larry Dyck

Did you miss the Corps' Shoreline Management Plan Workshops? If so, it's OK because it's not too late to provide comments. The Corps is accepting comments on the Hartwell Project Shoreline Management Plan until **October 15, 2005**. The Hartwell Project personnel have made the process user friendly. Just go to the Hartwell Project web site at <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/lakes/hartwell> and click on Shoreline Management. There is a link on which you can make comments. If you would prefer to send written comments address them to:

Hartwell Project
 Operation Manager's Office
 Attn: Mark Dotson
 P.O. Box 278
 Hartwell, Georgia 30643



Dr. Larry Dyck

The Corps is interested in all manner of comments, but they are particularly concerned with those related to the Shoreline Plan. Below is a list of items that were emphasized at the Workshops. This list might help you organize your thoughts and comments.

Shoreline Management Plan Categories

Docks/Facilities	Walkways/Utilities	Underbrushing	Erosion Control/ Dredging
Access requirements	Type/Material	Grass areas	Riprap/Retaining Walls
Placement/locations	Specifications	Regeneration of trees	Bio-engineering
Spacing	Motorized cart use	Limits	Dredging access/private property
Sizes	Excavation	Thinning/Pruning	Sedimentation
Private/Community	Footbridges	Tools/equipment	General erosion control
Mooring buoys	Steps at shoreline	Tree removal	
Flotation deadline	Landscape lighting	Mulch/stump grinding	General
Accessories	Power poles	Noxious plant control	(not regulated by the shoreline plan)
Anchoring systems	Power on docks	Burning	No wake buoys
Plans/Specifications	Pumps		Lake levels
Colors	Geothermal units		PCB's/Pollution
Flotation disposal			Boat noise/sizes
Public law protection			Jet skis
Prior commitments			Island camping
Ramps/Roads			Hunting

Based upon comments received, a draft Shoreline Management Plan will be written and presented to the public by the Spring of 2006. Comments on the draft will be accepted for 30 days after its publication on the Corp's web site. Follow-

ing the final public comment period, a final proposed plan will be established and routed through Corps channels for approval. An updated Shoreline Management Plan is expected by October 2006.

Alert! Floating Styrofoam Blocks

Excerpts from recent article by Joe Brenner

As we're all aware by now, all of the non-encapsulated dock flotation must be replaced by the end of this year. Unfortunately, one unpleasant side effect of this change seems to be a huge increase in the number of floating Styrofoam blocks on the lake. These may have been released in an effort to avoid the trouble or cost of proper disposal. Large heavy chunks of

flotation can be a serious navigational safety issue that can result in significant boat damage or personal injury.

What can you do? If you see anyone dumping old flotation in the lake, report them to the Corps. There's no need for confrontation, just get a location and boat number or other identification. If you do need to hire someone to replace your flotation, make sure they are reputable. Inquire as to how they plan to dispose of the waste material.

The LHA Membership Roster Is Growing!

The growth of our membership is very encouraging to all those who volunteer time and energy in service to LHA. We wish to recognize our newest members who have joined since the last newsletter was published as well as those people who have sent us generous donations (see next page). Thank you all for your support "for the sake of the lake."

New Single/Student and Family Members

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Get a Vessel Safety Check--Free

Submitted by Dan Ray

Does your boat have all the legally required equipment? If you were stopped by law enforcement officer on the water, would you be confident that your boat would pass inspection?

If not, a good way to be sure is to get a free inspection of safety related items by a member of the US Power Squadrons or the U S Coast Guard Auxiliary. No reports of any shortcomings are made to any government of-
 fice-county, state, or federal. It is a way that these organizations are trying to make boating safer for everyone on the water. This applies to all types of boats: runabouts, john boats, personal watercraft, fishing boats, cruisers, or sailboats.

The most frequently occurring problems for boats that have been inspected for legally required items are:

- Having on board visual distress signals
- Having operable navigation lights
- Having on board registration or documentation papers
- Having a working sound producing device

Of those items recommended but not legally required are :

- First aid kit
- Two way radio (a VHF radio is best, but a cell phone may be useful if in range)

If you wish to get your boat inspected either in the water or on land, you should contact one of the following:

Lake Hartwell Sail and Power Squadron--Huub Bakx at 864-268-3624

Golden Corners Lakes Power Squadron--Steve Pietrowicz at US Coast Guard Auxiliary

Or contact me (Dan Ray) at 864-231-7007. I'll be glad to meet you at a mutually acceptable location and inspect your boat(s).

What is a Vessel Safety Check (VSC)?

A Vessel Safety Check is a courtesy examination of your boat (Vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and the Federal regulations. The Vessel Examiner is a trained specialist and is a member of the United States Power Squadrons or the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. He/she will also make cer-

tain recommendations and discuss certain safety issues that will make you a safer boater. This is not boarding or a law enforcement issue. No citations will be given as a result of this encounter. We will supply you with a copy of our evaluation so that you may follow some of the suggestions given. Vessels that pass will be able to display our distinctive VSC decal. This does not exempt you from law enforcement boarding, but you are apt to have the DNR officer pass you by when he or she sees your decal.



**Upcoming Events for LHA Related Activities
September 2005 update**

Event	Date
LHA Board Meeting, 7:00PM LHA Office, 184 W. Franklin St., Room 108, Hartwell	9/12/05
Hartwell Lake Clean-up Campaign	8/18 – 9/24/05
Clean-up Campaign Appreciation Picnic. Big Oaks Park	9/24/05
LHA Fall Public Information Meeting, 7:00 PM, Anderson Civic Center	11/10/05
LHA Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Anderson Public Library	11/14/05
LHA Board Meeting, 7:00PM LHA Office, 184 W. Franklin St., Room 108, Hartwell	1/9/06



Shown are Bob Tibbetts of Danville Kentucky, Mick Horwath of Greenwood SC and LHA President Mike Massey with a few of the stripers, hybrid and largemouth bass caught on a recent fishing trip.

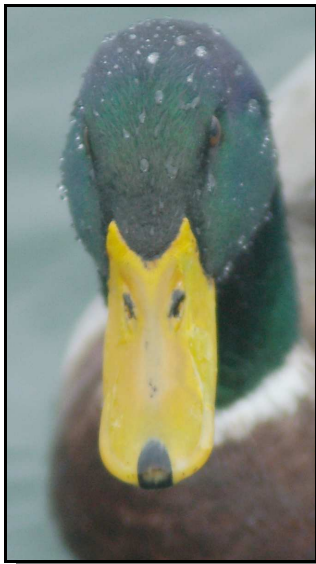
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If you have digital photos that you would like to share with other LHA members submit them to the email address below.

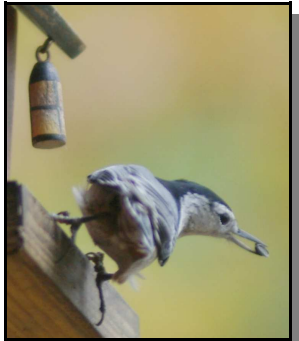
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Justin Stercay and Lyndsay Cook (below) enjoy playing on the Hotdog near Chickasaw Point even when it's not being pulled behind a boat.



The mallard and the nut-hatch seemed to be posing for the editor on a recent photo excursion in Coneross Creek.



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