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Letter from the President

Submitted by Mike Massey

I hope you are all having a great holiday season and still enjoying our beautiful lake – a gift itself. We at the Lake Hartwell Association have been involved in a number of interesting and exciting activities since our last newsletter was published. A few are mentioned below.

Congratulations are in order to the Lake Hartwell Association on its fifteenth year of service to all of you in 2005. LHA received its Certificate of Incorporation on August 27, 1990. So we congratulate all of our members, the Board of Directors, committee members and all our other supporters for reaching this important milestone. We cannot continue to improve and accomplish the work we do without the support we receive from all of you.

Wonderful News! You may have noticed that the lake has not dropped its usual four feet to winter pool this year. At the LHA Fall Information Meeting on October 21, Virgil Hobbs, Hartwell Lake Operations Manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), announced that the Corps has decided they will not lower Hartwell Lake the four feet to its "winter rule curve" level of 656' msl (mean sea level) this year. This is the first time in the lake's history it will be maintained at "full pool" and it is wonderful and welcome news to all who live on the lake. We thank and applaud the USACE for this decision. Of course, Mother Nature could impact this effort but at least it will not be a pre-planned event.

There are a number of reasons for the USACE making this decision. Those of you following the activities in this newsletter are aware of the many meetings that have been held as well as the number of studies and plans underway, including a major study by the USACE itself, to review the impacts to the basin resulting from a large number of variables. While these activities are ongoing, there has been great cooperation by all parties to listen and consider a number of alternatives – including leaving the lake higher during the winter. We at LHA will continue to work with the USACE and others towards making this a policy for future years should it prove to be a safe and economic alternative.

Some Partnering for LHA. There are two new potential groups that have had initial meetings to discuss Hartwell Lake and its significance to the economy of the area; The Hartwell Lake Chamber Coalition and the Hartwell Lake Counties Coalition. Both potential groups are the result of the Water Resources Committee of the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce chaired by Juan Brown and the Water Policy sub-committee chaired by Mike Gray. The Water Policy Committee of which LHA has active participation is primarily responsible for helping to arrange the initial meetings of the two groups. Both coalitions have the potential to add their voices to those of us here at LHA and produce a stronger voice to our legislators. Please read more about these potential organizations in the newsletter.

We are very concerned about the apparent lack of attention being paid to the recommendations provided in two very important documents issued in South Carolina in 2004. The South Carolina Water Plan, second issue, was issued in January and the South Carolina Governor's Water Law Review Committee also issued their report in January. Both have a large number of very well conceived and significant recommendations affecting the future of water resource use and planning in South Carolina. The problem is that we cannot find any organization or legislators in the state that are tracking, or actively working to bring these recommendations to fruition. We feel our water is just too important to the future of South Carolina to let it slide. As a result we have met with a number of South Carolina legislators in the Anderson area and discussed the issue. Several have asked us to send a letter with supporting documents and they will take up the matter with other legislators. We will be following up with a letter and recommendations as well as asking some of our sister water organizations in South Carolina to join us in resolving this concern. Watch for more activity in this area in future newsletters.

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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Hartwell Lake Chamber of Commerce Coalition (and a Potential Hartwell Lake County Coalition)

Submitted by Mike Massey

The Greater Anderson Chamber of Commerce Water Resources Committee, chaired by Juan Brown, recently decided to call a meeting with representatives of all the Chambers of Commerce surrounding Hartwell Lake. This meeting was recommended by the chamber's Water Policy sub-committee, chaired by Mike Gray. The Lake Hartwell Association (LHA) has active participation in both the Water Resources and Water Policy committees.

Lee Luff (right), president of the Greater Anderson Chamber, started the meeting and indicated that the meeting's objective was to determine if there was enough interest by the various Chamber representatives to form a coalition. The objective of the Coalition is for the "joining of forces" around the lake in order to have a strong voice when discussing water planning with area legislators and other significant organizations. Mike Gray indicated that in the past the lower Savannah River Basin has had significantly more influence on SRB activities and planning due to a number of groups and organizations that have joined together to impact direction. It was hoped that this group, in cooperation with other organizations like the Lake Hartwell Association and perhaps municipalities around the lake could exert more influence on the future planning. This meeting resulted in a unanimous agreement to proceed with this endeavor.



There have been two meetings to date since this first meeting and the Boards of Directors of most chambers have approved the group, which is called the Hartwell Lake Chamber of Commerce Coalition, and have agreed to support it. LHA believes the group will be beneficial to Hartwell Lake and the cooperation with LHA will result in a positive step forward for the protection and planning of lake waters. LHA representatives have been active in the new group through the development of a series of talking points listing many of the activities taking place

along the basin and the states of Georgia and South Carolina which alone suggests more voices are needed to impact future water planning. LHA has also been very involved in the development of the "Organization Principles" which lists the mission statement and operating procedures of the coalition. As of this writing a draft of the Organization Principles has been reviewed by the coalition members and tentatively approved pending some revisions.

As a side note to this activity, a meeting was also held with members of the Anderson Chamber and Joey Preston, Anderson County Administrator, to discuss similar topics. As a result Mr. Preston called a meeting with leaders and representatives from all county municipalities around Hartwell Lake and some legislators from Georgia and South Carolina. The meeting held on December first had a similar purpose as identified above. There was positive response to this meeting and Mr. Preston has agreed to circulate a resolution among Hart, Stephens and Franklin Counties in Georgia and Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties in South Carolina to set up a task force and appoint its members. We will keep you informed of these activities in future newsletters.

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.



Hartwell Lake Clean-up Campaign – The Results

Submitted by Sandy Campbell, Park Ranger – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Hartwell Lake remains among the top three most visited Corps projects in the nation with over 10 million visitors annually. This year marks the 24th anniversary for the Hartwell Lake Cleanup Campaign. This cleanup effort is critical to maintaining and protecting the health and beauty of Hartwell Lake. A resource as large and vast as the Hartwell Project requires hundreds of volunteers working together to keep it clean! This summer 694 volunteers participated in the clean up efforts and over 64,000 lbs of trash was collected from and around Hartwell Lake.



As lake use and development continue to increase, cooperative efforts, such as the Cleanup Campaign, become even more essential in the stewardship and management of this great public resource. The Corps relies upon other agencies and groups to assist with this great responsibility of stewardship of the Hartwell Project and the Lake Hartwell Association (LHA) has taken the lead in this partnership effort! The lake and the shoreline were cleaned, the Volunteer Appreciation Day picnic was hosted successfully with appreciation door prizes distributed, and LHA provided oversight for all of these activities! It is amazing what can be accomplished when people work together for a common cause!



Mr. Wayne Gaskins of LHA is to be commended for his tireless efforts in organizing this year's event, his weather forecasting abilities and his flexibility!! The staff at the Hartwell Project sincerely appreciates the cooperative spirit and efforts of LHA and acknowledges that we cannot care for this resource alone. We need each of you doing your part to keep Hartwell Lake the best lake in the nation to visit!

LHA director Wayne Gaskins (above right) organized the Hartwell Lake Cleanup Appreciation Picnic. USACE park rangers provided the venue and assisted in passing out door prizes provided by our contributors. Members of the local Optimists Club served the volunteers grilled hotdogs, hamburgers and other fine fare.



Changes to 2005 Annual Passes

By the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

In response to customer comment, the Corps of Engineers has implemented nationwide changes to the Annual Pass Program. Beginning in calendar year 2005, annual passes will be in the form of a date decal (month and year) that will be affixed to a hangtag. The annual pass will be valid for 12 months from the date of purchase, instead of limited to a specific calendar year under old policy. Since the hangtag option can be easily moved from one vehicle to another, discounted duplicate passes will no longer be offered. However, if desired, multiple passes may be purchased at full price. Persons with a valid Golden Age/Access Passport will receive a 50% discount on the purchase of an annual pass for personal use. The 50% dis-

count will only apply to the purchase of the initial pass, and will not apply to additional passes purchased by the same individual. Annual passes may be purchased at the Hartwell Project Office, or by calling, toll free, 888-893-0678. 2005 annual pass hangtags are not yet available. 2004 annual passes will remain valid until the 2005 passes are received. The public will be notified via news release when the new passes are available.

Reminder: When using Corps of Engineers' recreation areas, you can help reduce the possibility of theft and vandalism by removing valuables from your vehicle and keeping your vehicle locked at all times. Report theft and vandalism by calling the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at 888-893-0678 or your local sheriffs office.

Meet the Directors – Long Time Treasurer Stepping Down

Submitted by Elbert Menees

Almost since the day the Lake Hartwell Association was chartered as a 501(C) organization in 1991, we have been fortunate to have Robert T. "Bobby" Foster on the Board of Directors.

He was recruited at a time when the organization desperately needed professional help. Bobby has been our Treasurer, a member of the Executive Committee and a steadying force on the board for over 13 years. Regrettably, he recently decided this was the right time to step down, but he is still helping us find and pass on these important duties to someone else.

Bobby grew up in Anderson and has lived in the area all his life. He has operated a successful public accounting firm in Anderson for over 30 years. He opened his first accounting office with a partner in downtown Anderson. Later, he bought property and constructed the commercial building at 3300 Abbeville Highway in South Anderson that houses his current offices and several other businesses.

Bobby's energy and willingness to share his expertise is inspiring. You have to quiz him at length to get him to talk about his public service, but his contributions to our community and state are noteworthy. He has been a member of the Anderson Mid-Day Lion's Club since 1975 and their Treasurer since 1978. He received the Melvin Jones Fellow award for "Dedicated Humanitarian Services" from the Lions Club International Foun-



ation in 2002. He was President of the South Carolina Association of Public Accountants for two consecutive years. He is a big supporter of the South Carolina Wildlife Association and was one of those instrumental in getting the state to put the Wildlife check-off option on the South Carolina income tax return. He is a Life Member of the Sierra Club and was Treasurer of the local Clemson chapter for many years. He has been the Treasurer of several other public service organizations.

Perhaps the best indication of his standing in the accounting profession is his seat on the 9-member South Carolina State Board of Accountancy. Bobby was appointed by the governor 8 years ago and continues to serve on that board, which has oversight responsibility for all regulated public accounting in South Carolina.

Bobby and his wife, Margaret, have a home in Anderson and a home on Hartwell Lake in the Eighteen-Mile Creek area. Margaret is the accounting firm's office manager and handles all the firm's internal operations, such as A/P, A/R, etc.

Bobby enjoys hunting and fishing and said he especially likes getting out on the lake in the early morning.

When asked what departing words of wisdom he might have for LHA members and board members, he said that he hoped members understood the value of the experience and enthusiasm on our board. He said he was proud of what LHA has accomplished and felt good about being able to step down at a time when things are going so well. Needless to say, we are sorry to see Bobby leaving, but he has been one of those who made us strong enough to move ahead with continued confidence.

LHA Members Get Discount Rates to BoatU.S.

The Lake Hartwell Association is a participating group with BoatU.S., (*Boat Owners Association of the United States*). This association entitles LHA members to a 50% reduction in membership dues in BoatU.S., \$9.50 instead of \$19. The organization is an effective lobbying group looking out for the welfare of boaters. It encourages safe boating and boating education. An excellent boating monthly magazine is one of the benefits of membership. LHA recommends that its members take advantage of this offer. Call Dan Ray at 864-231-7007 for additional information about BoatU.S. membership.



Some members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary attended the Hartwell Lake Cleanup picnic honoring those who participated in the cleanup campaign

Fall Public Information Meeting a Great Success

Submitted by Mike Massey

If you missed the Fall Public Information Meeting on October 21st, you missed “one of the best meetings yet” according to some members in attendance. The meeting had a number of excellent guest speakers including the following:

- **South Carolina Senator Bob Waldrep** discussed the new Savannah River Basin Coalition who will be charged with building alliances to work together for the benefit of the entire basin
- **Mike Gray of the Greater Anderson Chamber of Commerce** presented the plans for a Hartwell Lake Chamber of Commerce Coalition to protect the waters of the lake
- **Dr. Margarit Gray of Anderson College** presented the results of the lake monitoring study conducted this summer & sponsored by LHA
- **Virgil Hobbs** discussed the latest activities of the U.S. Corps of Engineers and made a popular announcement that the lake would be maintained at full pool this winter
- **Dr. Robert H. Becker, Director of the Strom Thurmond Institute of Government & Public Affairs at Clemson University** was our keynote speaker and provided some insightful thoughts about water management for the future
- **U. S. Congressman Gresham Barrett**, a special surprise guest, attended and addressed the audience about the need for organizations like LHA and discussed some future water considerations for the area.



Among the speakers at this year's LHA Fall Information Meeting were (Left to right): Dr. Robert H. Becker, Director of the Strom Thurmond Institute of Government & Public Affairs at Clemson University, U. S. Congressman Gresham Barrett, and South Carolina Senator Bob Waldrep District 3, Anderson.



Hartwell Lake Operations Manager Virgil Hobbs announced that the lake would remain at or near full pool this winter.

A terrific evening! The following people won the door prizes:

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| Indoor Grill | Sherly Cantwell | Hartwell |
| Blender | Buzz Goodger | Anderson |
| Roaster Oven | Ruth Roosenberg | Hartwell |
| Brushroll | Nancy Garman | Anderson |
| Toaster Oven | Paul Roosenberg | Hartwell |
| Indoor Grill | Carylann Singleton | Anderson |
| Blender | Dorsey Payne | Athens, GA. |
| Brushroll | Richard Bishop | Hartwell |
| Indoor Grill | Donald S. Smith | Fairplay SC |
| Brushroll | Jane Fritts | Anderson |

Newsletter Now Available by E-mail

LHA members may choose to receive these quarterly newsletters *via* e-mail in addition to or in replacement of the hardcopy that we will post. We will gladly send you a PDF attachment of each edition of the newsletter. This file can easily be opened using a free program downloaded from the Internet. Most newer computers come with Adobe Acrobat Reader already installed. However, you can browse to www.adobe.com and click the icon to download the free Reader.

There are several advantages to receiving the e-News. It will be sent to your email address about 3 weeks before the hardcopy is mailed from the printer. Photos will be in color. Several LHA members who were involved in a trial e-mailing last quarter reported that the photos were clearer and the graphs were easier to read. And if enough members want e-News instead of a paper copy, we might just save a tree.

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Hugh Earnest caught this monster striper recently in the Seneca River.

NPS Pollution – Lake Hartwell’s Quiet Enemy

Submitted by Al Koleff

This article is the second in a series of articles that address a continuing threat to Lake Hartwell – NPS Pollution.

What Can Be Done to Prevent NPS Pollution?

Non-point source pollution (NPS) is all the pollution that water runoff picks up as it flows over or through the ground. The water runoff carries pollutants into our lakes, streams, rivers, creeks, wetlands and groundwater.

Best Management Practices (BMPs) is a fancy name for the techniques that are determined to be the most effective and practical ways of reducing non-point source pollution. BMPs try to control pollutants at their points of origin.

Listed below are some simple and proven ways that each of us, whether we live on the lake or not, can help reduce non-point source pollution:

1. Manage your septic system in accordance with the guidelines that were outlined in the Fall 2003 LHA Newsletter. It is available on LHA’s website under “Newsletters.”
2. Do not dispose of toxic or hazardous chemicals in your septic system. They can not only seep directly into the ground but can kill the bacteria that allow your septic system to work properly.
3. Minimize and control the kinds of wastes disposed through your kitchen garbage disposal. Avoid putting high fat animal products and items that will not break down like coffee grounds, egg shells, bones and other hard solids into the disposal.
4. Dispose of motor oils, antifreeze, paints and other

household chemicals at properly managed waste collection sites, not down the drain, in the garbage or on the ground.

5. Clean up spills like oil and grease rather than hosing them into the yard where they can reach our streams and lakes.
6. Whenever possible, try alternatives to toxic chemicals.
7. Conserve water in your home. Excessive water use becomes additional waste water that must be treated in your septic tank or sewage treatment plants. These higher volumes increase the risk of treatment system upsets.
8. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly in your yard.
9. Landscape so that trees, grass and other vegetation will help trap storm water and control soil erosion.
10. Recycle. Practice composting.
11. Boats and PWCs – avoid gas tank overflow; do not discharge boat sewage directly into the lake; don’t litter; minimize erosion from your boat wake especially in narrower coves and channels.
12. Encourage elected officials to develop and enforce erosion control ordinances.
- 13. Encourage your neighbors and friends to use these BMPs.**
- 14. Teach your children good pollution control behavior.**

Our individual efforts may seem small and may not seem like they make a difference, but in total, if everyone used these BMPs, it would make a great difference. By doing our part we set an example for our neighbors and this can be contagious.

Editor’s note: Read Al’s first article in the Fall 2004 issue of the newsletter online at <http://www.lakehartwellassociation.org>

Member Recipes

Breakfast Cups (may be prepared the night before and baked the next morning)

Ingredients

- 12 slices bread
- 1 cup shredded cheese
- 1 cup milk
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard if using sausage or no meat (Omit if using bacon.)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 6 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled, or ½ lb. sausage, cooked and drained (Meat is optional)

Lightly grease or spray Pam in 12 muffin tins. Trim or cut bread into circles. Place circles in bottom of muffin tins. Distribute the onion, shredded cheese, bacon or sausage (if using meat) evenly between the muffin tins. Combine milk, eggs, mustard, salt and pepper. Divide between the muffin tins.

If you are preparing the night before, at this time, cover completely with aluminum foil or plastic wrap and refrigerate. Set it out of the refrig about 30 minutes before baking.

If you are ready to bake, place the pan in a preheated oven for 20 minutes, or until the egg mixture is set.

Breakfast Potatoes

- 2 1/2 pounds red skinned potatoes
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon grill seasoning (recommended: McCormick's Montreal Steak Seasoning)
- 2 teaspoons paprika

Preheat oven to 500 degrees F.

Cut potatoes into small chunks and place in a bowl. Toss with oil, peppers, onions and spices and place on a cookie sheet in a single layer. Bake in the oven 25 minutes, stir and turn potatoes a couple of times during the baking.

LHA Position Papers

Submitted by Mike Massey

Want to know what LHA thinks of certain issues? Log on to our website at www.lakehartwellassociation.org and access the section titled "LHA Position Papers."

Basically, there are a number of issues that LHA has developed an organizational position on relative to how we should respond to issues, documents, legislation, etc. The need to do this occurred after attending a number of meetings where we were asked about our position on specific matters. Upon discussion with the LHA Board of Directors a decision was made that LHA committees should develop, document and seek approval from the Board of Directors, a formal position on a number of issues whenever it is appropriate to do so.

The purposes of the LHA position papers are as follows:

1. To document a consistent position related to a specific activity.
2. To assure all members of the LHA Board are in concert with these positions when they discuss these issues with others and that we all speak the same words.
3. To share them with legislators, municipalities and other organizations to indicate LHA's preferred direction on certain issues.

Currently LHA has developed and approved position papers on the following three issues as listed below along with a brief description of what is included.

Water Management Planning Considerations for Georgia and South Carolina

The Georgia and South Carolina Legislatures are formulating guidelines to plan how the states will manage their water resources in the future. It is important that our senators and representatives, as well as our civic leaders, understand that their constituents want clean water that is available to everyone - for our farms, businesses and homes. Water should be managed for

all the people of the states, not just special interests. The Lake Hartwell Association Officers and Board of Directors will strive to inform and discuss the points documented in this paper with their legislators and civic leaders and urges its members to do the same.

Recommendation for a Savannah River Basin Water Agreement between Georgia and South Carolina

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 both states 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.

Interbasin Transfers

The Lake Hartwell Association (LHA) is concerned with the ability of organizations to request an interbasin transfer for long-term use without demonstrating any specific immediate or pending emergency need for the water. We feel a set of specific criteria should be used as a measure of the need prior to granting an interbasin transfer. LHA also feels there is currently not enough information available to clearly indicate the long-term impact of interbasin transfers on the future water requirements of the SRB. While LHA is not, and should not be, totally against interbasin transfers, we do not support the approval of any interbasin grant applications – new or renewal – unless the requesting basin has demonstrated an emergency requirement for water that cannot be met through resources within its own basin. In that case, the basin of origin should be assured the interbasin transfer agreement/contract is based on a well-defined, immediate need along with data based on hard science that clearly indicates the availability of water in the basin for the period needed.

To read the entire content of each position paper, please log on to the LHA website.

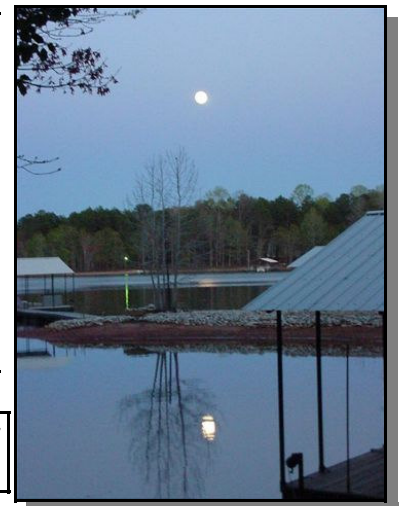


Andrew Sobeski caught this 6 lb striper while casting a White Ice fluke at breaking fish.

LHA Needs Photos for Newsletter

Share your photos. All you have to do is email images to us as attachments. JPG images are preferred, but we can use about any image format. Provide caption information such as names, location, etc. in the body of the email message. Send it to LHAnewsletter@yahoo.com

*"Moon over the Tugaloo River"
By Eyvonne & Howard West, Lavonia, GA*



Savannah River Basin Water Policy Workshop
 Submitted by Mike Massey

The South Carolina Water Resources Center at Clemson University and the Georgia Water Research Institute at Georgia Tech co-sponsored a workshop on issues surrounding a potential Savannah River Compact/Agreement between the states of South Carolina and Georgia. The workshop was held at Georgia Tech in Savannah on November 18-19, 2004. The goals for holding the proposed workshop included identifying the key issues for water quantity and quality within the Savannah River Basin, identifying gaps in information necessary for a river compact and supplying information derived from the workshop to decision makers in both states. LHA has been listed as a major stakeholder and three members from the Lake Hartwell Association attended: Joe Brenner, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, Vern Sauer, Chairman of the Technical Committee and me. There were a large number of people in attendance from all aspects of water management in both states of South Carolina and Georgia. LHA is very thrilled to have this type of meeting take place. We have been in discussions regarding the need for some form of agreement between the states for some time.

Information from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources shows that the Savannah River is the region's major surface water resource, draining an area of more than 10,000 square miles. The river is regulated by 10 hydroelectric projects owned by private utilities. The three major reservoirs are operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As population growth and urbanization in the basin continues, competition for

use of this resource increases.

Counties within South Carolina have transferred water across political and watershed boundaries for years. In fact, the city of Greenville gets a large portion of its water supply from Lake Keowee. Greenville pulls the water from Lake Keowee in the Savannah River basin for use in the Reedy River and Saluda River basins. Greenville is one basin removed from the Savannah basin, as is Atlanta, so it would seem that one has no more rights to the water than the other. (Greenville's inter-basin water transfer permit allows the city to pull up to 150 million gallons of water per day from Lake Keowee.) As the upstate of South Carolina continues to grow and Atlanta expands in all directions, the Savannah River will be looked at as an answer to future water supply problems for both areas.

However, protecting that supply and meeting the water demands within South Carolina and Georgia takes more than the work of one organization. A concerted group effort is needed. The public as well as local, state and federal government should be working together in this matter. Because water is a limited resource it is the cooperation of individuals and the governmental institutions that will make the difference. The goals for holding the proposed workshop included identifying the key issues for water quantity and quality within the Savannah River Basin, identifying gaps in information necessary for a river compact, and supplying information derived from the workshop to decision makers in both states.

The meeting will result in a document being sent to the governors of both states identifying the reasons to continue to work towards a Compact in the Savannah River Basin. We look forward to obtaining that document and attending future meetings.



Looking for another tax deduction?? Did you know that membership dues and donations to Lake Hartwell Association are fully tax deductible? See the membership application on the back page.

Upcoming Events for LHA Related Activities

December 11, 2004 update

Event	Date
LHA Board Meeting, 7:00PM LHA Office, 184 W. Franklin St., Rm 108, Hartwell	1/10/05
USACE SRB Comprehensive Water Study Meeting - January	(TBD)
LHA Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Anderson Public Library	3/14/05
LHA Spring Picnic (Tentative)	5/7/05
LHA Board Meeting, 7:00PM LHA Office, 184 W. Franklin St., Rm 108, Hartwell	5/9/05
LHA Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Anderson Public Library	7/11/05
LHA Board Meeting, 7:00PM LHA Office, 184 W. Franklin St., Rm 108, Hartwell	9/12/05
LHA Fall Public Information Meeting (Tentative)	11/3/05
LHA Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Anderson Public Library	11/14/05

The Best Boating Course in Upstate

Submitted by Dan Ray

We are sure you have all heard of the recent boating accident on Keowee Lake where there were two deaths as a result of a boating accident. The Lake Hartwell Association supports the idea that boaters take a safe boating course to hopefully avoid any potentially dangerous situations on the water. This course will also help you enjoy your time on the water even more. We further suggest a course that is being presented by the Lake Hartwell Sail and Power Squadron.

The Squadron Boating Course is designed to be useful to all boaters from the fisherman in an outboard to the skipper of a large cruiser or sailboat. Learning to boat safely is important and the increased knowledge will enhance your safety on the water and your enjoyment of the sport. All boaters are subject to nautical rules and regula-

tions. Skippers should learn and respect traditional boating courtesies. The course is meant to be of interest to the entire family; older children (teenagers) are welcome. We encour-

age your family to attend as a group.

A broad range of boating topics will be taught. Presentation materials have been updated this year with animated examples. This major course revision also includes an introduction to using a GPS and Digital Charts. The student manual comes with a CD-ROM, which includes the Maptech® Chart Navigator software, a sampling of digital charts and maps across the country plus a digital version of the fictitious Bowditch Bay practice chart.

This course is conducted by qualified, enthusiastic and experienced USPS instructors. There will be helpful table instructors to give you hands on assistance with course information and practice of boating skills and application of navigational information.

The Squadron Boating Course is recognized by the National Association of State Boating law administrators. There is an

examination at the end of the course. Successful completion earns a certificate that is recognized by the South Carolina DNR, all major insurance companies and the US Coast Guard.

The Squadron Boating Course for Power and Sail

Boat Handling
Nautical Charts
Aids to Navigation
Plotting a Course
Mariner's Compass

Determining Position
State and Federal Regulations
Knots and Anchoring
Trailing Safety

GPS
Emergencies
PWC Safety
Docking
Boat Piloting

Begin	February 28 at the main Branch of the Greenville County Library 8 consecutive Monday Nights through April 18 from 6 to 8 PM. Exam on April 25
Information	If you need more information, please email us: education@lake-hartwell.org or contact Dan Ray at (864) 231-7007 (Anderson)
Limited Space	Only 100 students will be allowed to take the course, acceptance to the course will be based on the date of registration and payment. Your reservation will be confirmed by email or mail
Cost	\$60.00 per Student – includes student manual with Maptech® CD, course plotter, divider, charts & registration \$30.00 per additional family member – includes course plotter, divider, chart and registration (no student manual or CD)
ACT NOW!	To register, return enrollment form with your check payable to: Lake Hartwell Sail and Power Squadron. Mail to: PO Box 5184, Greenville, SC 29606.
Register	Name (s) _____ Telephone: _____ Address _____ Email: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Number to enroll at \$60 (includes manual): _____ Number to enroll at \$30 (without manual): _____ Total enclosed : \$ _____

Election of New Director

The By-Laws of LHA require that a vote of the LHA membership must be conducted in order to elect candidates to the LHA Board of Directors. The current members of the Board have recommended that candidate Joe Brenner be elected to the Board. If elected, Joe will also serve as Chairman of the Legislative Committee.

Joe is a Chemical Engineer by training and was most recently General Manager for a major petrochemical company. Through his position, he had numerous dealings over the years with legislators at the local, state and federal levels. He also served on the boards of numerous civic, charitable and professional organizations. Joe also has a great deal of experience dealing with regulators in the areas of safety, environment, taxation, zoning and land use. Joe and his wife Jackie retired to a lake home in Hartwell about two years ago.

The LHA Board of Directors feels Joe’s experience could benefit the organization and is very proud to have such a qualified candidate to fill the position and strongly recommends that you vote “yes” on the ballot below.

As LHA members, please vote for (YES) or against (NO) the directors by filling out the ballot below and mail it to:

Michael Massey, President
 The Lake Hartwell Association
 P.O Box 312
 Fair Play, SC 29643

OR

Vote by email sent to
 mail@lakehartwellassociation.org
 Please type “VOTE” in subject line

This candidate is running unopposed. Please note that members with a “Single Membership” are entitled to 1 vote. Those with a “Family Membership” 2 votes and the “Community/Business Membership” is entitled to 3 votes. Please indicate the number of votes based upon your membership privilege.

Director Name
- Responsibility -

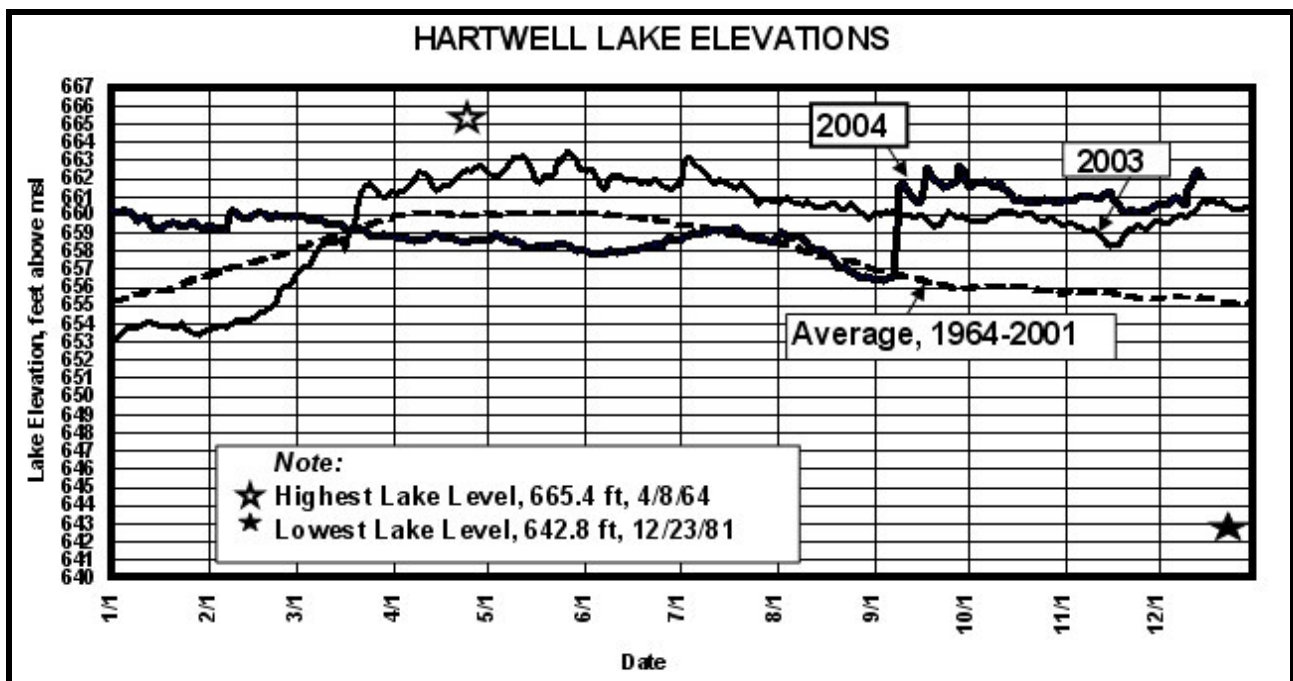
YES
(Number of Votes)

NO
(Number of Votes)

Joe Brenner
 LHA Director
 Chairman – Legislative Committee

Lake Level Summary

Submitted by Vern Sauer



Kids' Page: Essay Contests

YOUTH Essay Contest (Ages 6-12) "Take a Grandparent Fishing"

Kids! Has a grandparent, parent, uncle or aunt ever taken you fishing? Do you remember what a great time you had? Would you like to return the favor and take that person fishing on Hartwell Lake? Well! Here is your chance. If you win the LHA "Take a Grandparent Fishing" essay contest you can bring any adult you wish on a fishing trip. The winner and his/her grandparent will meet an LHA member at a designated boat ramp for a day fishing for bream, crappie or catfish. We will provide all fishing gear and a shore lunch of hotdogs cooked over a campfire. You will get to keep the fishing rod and tackle box that you will use. You will also receive photos or a video of the trip to share the experience with your family and friends.

All you have to do is write on one sheet of white paper an essay telling us **why you want to take your grandparent fishing** and send it to the address below.

YOUTH Essay Contest
Lake Hartwell Association, Inc.
P. O. Box 312
Fair Play, SC 29643

Kids! Be sure to tell your parents to read the rules below. Some will apply to you.

TEEN Essay Contest (Ages 13-18) "A Walk by the Lake"

Teens! Take a walk by Hartwell Lake, perhaps at one of the USACE parks. Spend some quality time looking and listening. **Then write about the things that you observed that you really liked the most and the things that you observed that you liked least.**

Your entry should be no longer than 1 page and may be hand-written or typed. You may mail your entry to the address below or email it to LHANews@hotmail.com.

TEEN Essay Contest
Lake Hartwell Association, Inc.
P. O. Box 312
Fair Play, SC 29643

If you win the contest you will receive a fishing trip for you and your parent. A member of LHA will take you fishing for stripers and hybrids. You will learn knot tying, boat handling, GPS and SONAR reading as well as fishing techniques. A shore lunch of hotdogs roasted over a campfire will be provided. You will get to keep the fishing rod and tackle box that you will use. You will also receive photos or a video of the trip to share the experience with your family and friends.

Teens! Read the rules below. Some of them apply to you.

Essay Contest Rules

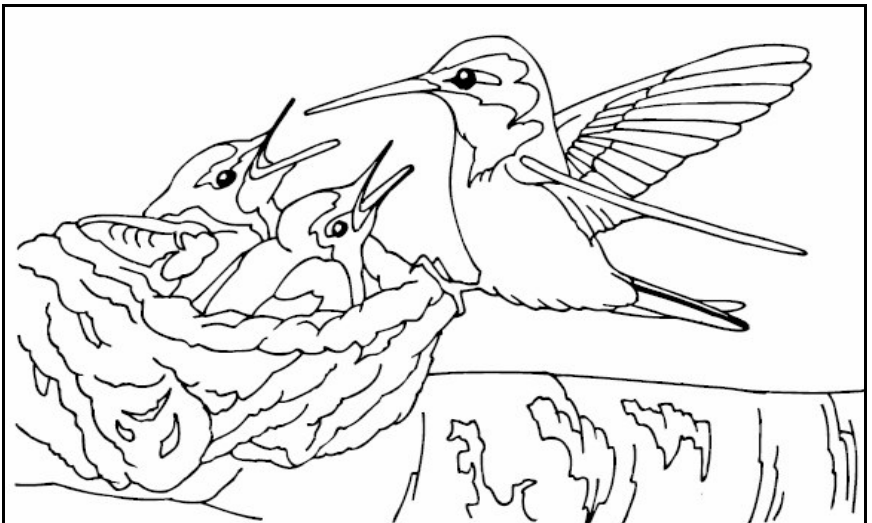
The **youth** may hand-write or print about any adult, not just a grandparent. The entry may include a drawing if the youth has trouble writing.

Only one entry per **youth/teen** is allowed. Please include name, age and contact information. All mailed essays must be post-marked by March 1, 2005. Entries that are emailed **by teens** must be received by March 3, 2005. Emailed entries will receive a reply acknowledgment from LHA upon receipt. Essays will be judged by the LHA board of directors whose decision will be final. We will publish the winning entries in the spring issue of the LHA newsletter.

A parent or legal guardian must accompany us on the trip and sign a release form. Please include a note with your child's entry telling us his/her size for PFD (life jacket) and special needs of child or grandparent. We will gladly accommodate wheelchairs. You can obtain more information by emailing us at LHANews@hotmail.com

Our NEXT Kids' Contest

Sharpen those Crayolas! Practice staying in the lines! Plan to enter our next kids' contest. So many beautiful birds come to feeders around our beautiful lake in the summertime. To enter the next contest youth will color an enlargement of the hummingbirds below. Teens will draw or paint any of the birds native to our area. See the Spring 2005 issue of the newsletter for contest details. Contact us at LHANews@hotmail.com for advance information.



LAKE HARTWELL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
P.O. Box 312; Fairplay, SC 29643

Winter
2005

Membership Information: Check all that apply

New Renewal Address change Amount Paid _____ Date _____

Individual (1 vote) \$15 Family (2 votes) \$25
 Community, Association or Business (3 votes) \$100
 Additional Donation _____

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____
(Family Membership Application Only)

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

E-Mail _____

Occupation(s): Yours _____ Spouse's _____
(If retired, check here and give former occupations above)

Lake Address & County _____

Give something back to the lake.
Select a committee on which you
would be willing to serve.

- Legislative
- Program
- Financial
- Lake Cleanup
- Safety
- Technical
- Membership
- Publications

Pay by Check: Make checks payable to **Lake Hartwell Association, Inc.** Send to address above.

⇒⇒⇒ Your membership fees and donations are fully tax deductible. ⇐⇐⇐

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