



### Letter from the President, Ray Fedele

Spring has finally sprung, with bountiful rain and a full lake. Over the winter months our board has worked to encourage our members participation in the Lake's Adopt a Shoreline program. Check out the article explaining the program and how you and your friends can participate.

On March 10-18 the 56th annual Geico Bassmaster Classic visited Green Pond landing for the third time. Our lake did the contest proud by producing lots of good fishing and Southern Hospitality for all. New docks, an additional loading ramp, and bait fish attracting lights were installed prior to the event to enhance the events experience.

Also, Lake Hartwell has been listed in the "Top 100 Bass Lakes in America" for three straight years. Due to this, Lake Hartwell will host over 18 fishing tournaments during 2018.

The new draft of the Corps of Engineers shoreline management plan is expected to be available for review during the Fall. The draft will be posted on line for a 30-day review period where the public may comment. After the public comment period is closed the plan will be issued within 6 months.

Another big event coming up on June 8, and 9 will be the Hartwell Lake Poker Run benefiting Meals on Wheels. The event will take place at Big Water Marina. Even if you don't participate join the fun and festivities. Visit the website www. hartwelllakepokerrun.com for complete information.

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Hartwell, GA will host the Pre-4th of July weekend on June 22nd and 23rd. Lake Hartwell Olympic and sprint Triathlon happens at Big Oaks Recreation area followed by a festival and capped by fireworks beginning on 9:15 on Saturday night. For more info contact the Hartwell Chamber of Commerce.

In closing I urge all of our members fo talk to your friends, neighbors and local businesses and encourage them to join LHA. More members mean more voice with the Corps and the Federal Government.

See you on the Lake....

# GREEN POND LANDING: WRITING A NEW CHAPTER IN LAKE HARTWELL'S HISTORY

By Glenn Brill, Director: Anderson County Parks, Recreation & Tourism Division

Neil Paul, Executive Director: Visit Anderson

Recreation is a vital part of Anderson County's economic growth. When industry looks at our county, quality of life is always a top tier priority. They often ask: What makes Anderson County unique? What can we utilize to attract and retain a qualified workforce? Green Pond Landing & Event Center adds to Anderson County's many assets and natural resources, especially Lake Hartwell, which has long been considered one of the Upstate's greatest assets and a hidden treasure to locals.

Since Green Pond's inception, County Council Chairman Tommy Dunn has touted the investment in Lake Hartwell to

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further develop tourism and to create jobs in Anderson County. In 2015, Green Pond Landing & Event Center brought the 56,000-acre lake to the international stage hosting a world-class event, the Geico Bassmaster Classic.

It's a County Park providing diverse opportunities for water sports, competitive tournaments, and outdoor recreation. Green Pond is an ADA complainant facility allowing it to host Paralympic sports competition and training.

Green Pond Landing & Event Center, which turned three on December 19th, 2017, is writing an exciting new chapter in Lake Hartwell's 56 year history with every tournament it hosts. At the close of 2017, Anderson County had hosted tournaments with a combined economic impact of \$28 million. By the end of 2018, the number is projected to be almost \$53 million!

Kicking-off 2018 is the 100+ boat Striped Bass Winter Classic, January 5-6. The TH Marine Bass Fishing League will host two tournaments: February 10th and May 12th.

The Geico Bassmaster Classic will visit Green Pond for the second time and Lake Hartwell for the third, March 10-18. The 56 boat event, trade show, weigh-ins and international media coverage will generate \$23 million in economic impact. Of all the places the Classic visits, Green Pond and Greenville give BASS the shortest distance between where they fish and weigh-in of any other venue in the nation.

The short 30 mile commute from Anderson to Greenville is hard to beat. In 2014, the commute between Lake Guntersville and Birmingham was 72 miles. In 2016, the commute between Grand Lake and Tulsa was 90 miles and this past March in Houston, it was a 55-60 mile drive each way.

Hosting the Bassmaster Classic is more prestigious than any other fishing tournament. It provides Anderson County the opportunity to partner with our neighboring Greenville community to host the Super Bowl of bass fishing. The event brings visitors from all over the world, and shines the spotlight on the Upstate of. Selfishly, we love being able to show off Lake Hartwell, a Top 100 Bass Lake in America for three straight years! The on-the-water coverage by the local media, B.A.S.S. media, and the television coverage that follows on ESPN2 is tremendous for our fishery. None of this which would be possible without our partnership with the great folks from Greenville.

What does it take beyond a championship level fishery like Lake Hartwell to host the Bassmaster Classic?

- •An expo center, such as the TD Center with a minimum square footage requirement of 300,000 sq. ft. for the massive outdoor expo.
- •A facility, Bon Secours Wellness Arena, which seats more than 15,000 people to meet the 12,000 seat requirement for hosting the Bassmaster Classic.
- •Financial commitment from the Upstate to host a major event of this kind.

When the 2018 Bassmaster Classic takes place on Lake Hartwell, only two other fisheries will have hosted more Classics than Lake Hartwell in the storied history of this great event.

Hospitality is another big reason we continue to host exceptional events like the Classic. When the 2008 Bassmaster Classic, held on Lake Hartwell, the attendance records for the Classic were set. Again in 2015, despite it being the coldest Bassmaster Classic of all time, it was the third most attended in history providing the Upstate with an economic impact of \$23 million.

In addition to hosting fishing tournaments in 2018,

Anderson County plans to complete three major projects at the facility: the addition of courtesy docks to the launch ramps; 30' of the hill in front of the ramps will be removed to improve traffic flow; and, a building will be added to house restrooms for anglers and spectators.

The future of Green Pond, Anderson County, and Lake Hartwell in our semi-biased humble opinion is brighter than the sun.





#### by Angie Nasrallah

For the past ten years, on the last Saturday in May, Kelly Vickers, a local historian, has been leading groups on canoes and in kayaks down the Tugaloo River Corridor for fun and learning. If you haven't participated in one of these now famous tours, you've been missing out. The Tugaloo Corridor is that stunning stretch of wilderness and river that forms the border between Stephens County, Georgia and Oconee County, South Carolina. The Corridor, which begins at the base of Yonah Dam, is the historical meeting ground of Cherokee Indians to the north and Creek Indians to the south. There is a place just below the dam where the river is completely natural: flat, rocky and rapid. It is just beyond this spot where the tour begins its meanderings and Mr. Vickers begins his oral narrations of the natives, the hunters, the farmers, and the tradesmen who made their mark on these regions many years ago. He tells secrets about the ancient geological formations that mark this area as uniquely beautiful. Best of all, he tells tales about the waters, the bridges, the homes, and the local pioneers that you will never forget. All of this, for free, while you get a tan and an upper body workout on the Tugaloo River.

Last year, we embarked upon this 5 hour tour on Memorial Saturday. We had four in our party, but there were 140 river enthusiasts in our midst on 120 vessels. It took about 30 minutes of gathering equipment and coolers, then brief instructions were given before the launch. Mr. Vickers, easily identified with flag and pointed hat, led the charge at 8:45 am.

At first the waters moved swiftly and the paddling was easy. Then, after about a mile in, the river deepened, the currents slowed and the arms came out to work. It was a glorious day of bright sunshine. About every mile, Mr. Vickers would paddle to the shore line and give a story. We heard stories of natives warriors, run-away war-time officers, bridge burnings, Native rock carvings, and more.

We made it to Prather's Bridge by 11 am to cool in the shade.

Young, old, big and small paddled. Dogs in life jackets gave companionship. Coolers were mounted on most vessels. A few paddle boats were also in the mix.

### The Tugaloo River History Tour Cont.





And the stories continued all the way down to the Long Nose Creek Falls on the South Carolina side. Long Nose Creek Falls is only accessible by boat and is quite remote and pristine, a must see if you love the wild and scenic offerings of our upstate area.

After leaving the falls, we made our way across the top most portion of Lake Hartwell, where Toccoa Creek merges with the river and the Tugaloo Mound is located. Here we learned about the great native chiefs that led their people in this valley land, the hidden dripping rock and the old Tugaloo Town before pulling our canoes out at a property on the Georgia side.

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The Corps of Engineers has a free app for your iPhone, iPad or Android device that shows a ton of information on the Savannah River Basin and its Lakes.

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# PICKENS COUNTY STORMWATER PARTNERS PROTECTING WATER QUALITY



Ever heard of Anderson and Pickens County Stormwater Partners (APCSP)? Do you know what might be going on around Anderson to protect our Water Resources? Well, look no further. Protecting water quality and quantity from polluted stormwater runoff through outreach and education around Anderson County is what Anderson and Pickens County Stormwater Partners work to do

Kaleigh Sims, the Anderson Water Resources Extension agent helps coordinate the APCSP in an effort to provide the community with educational tools and training, environmental sustainability courses through Clemson Extension, and coordinates volunteer events for the community to get involved in, helping to clean and protect our water resources. Some of the courses and trainings you might be familiar with are Carolina Yards, Master Pond Manager, Master Rain Gardener, South Carolina Adopt-A-Stream, and more. All of this is important because working to protect, monitor, and conserve our natural resources can

have an economic impact and create a healthy happy environment for us to continue to enjoy.

Since Anderson County makes up much of the Lake Hartwell Shoreline and has a few major watersheds that cross it, it is key to continue to protect our beloved water. APCSP has already done a few things around town to help protect our water from polluted stormwater runoff. They installed a bioretention cell out at Green Pond landing which is a shallow depression filled with engineered soil media and planted with shrubs and other herbaceous vegetation to help reduced stormwater runoff rates and pollutant loads before the stormwater reaches Lake Hartwell. APCSP installed two rain gardens one at Caters Lake and one Darwin Wright park. They have hosted multiple rain barrel sales to increase the use of best management practice that help reduce the amount of polluted water that reaches our storm drains. Rain Barrels also help in water conservation and many plants love rain water much more than tap water. In addition, APCSP has done many outreach activities like pet waste awareness and storm drain marking.

While APCSP has done a lot in the past there are still many ongoing projects and workshops. One of which is the South Carolina Adopt-A-Stream initiative. This program gets volunteers in the community certified to monitor





chemical, bacterial, and biological levels of our streams. This program encourages citizen scientist to sample monthly at their stream site in an effort to collect good baseline data about that stream which is an incredible way to help protect our water and promote environmental stewardship.

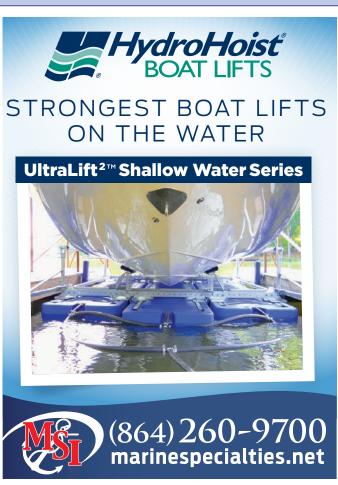
We also have upcoming workshops focused on educating people about permeable pavement that helps reduce the amount of impermeable surfaces in our county and helps reduce the amount polluted runoff. There are many volunteer opportunities as well. Such as, shoreline planting and restoration around a few ponds in the area and stream clean ups to try to help reduce the amount of litter in our waterways. APCSP works hard to provide outreach and education to the community in an effort to reduce the amount of polluted stormwater runoff that reaches our waterways.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT APCSP CONTACT KALEIGH SIMS:

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### The Tugaloo River History Tour Cont.

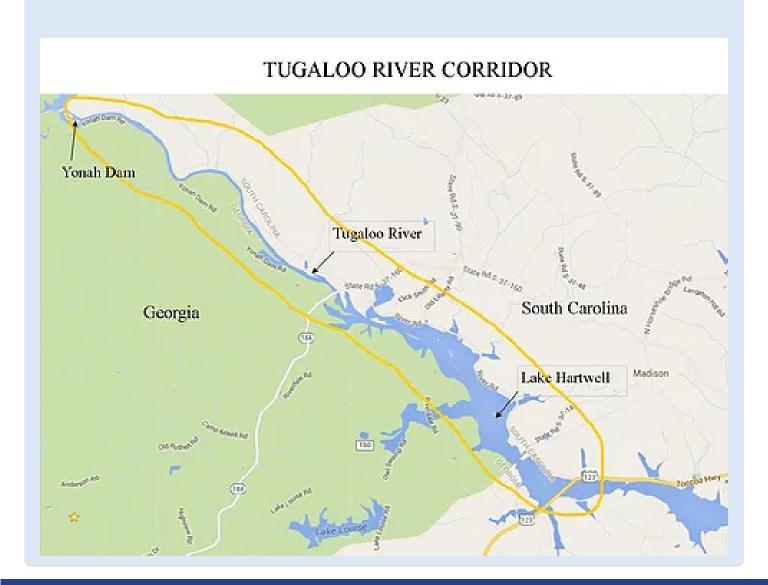
Thanks to strong sunscreen and lots of water, we made it down the river happy, hydrated and historically enriched. It was just a great time. We had two big kids with us, a 20 year old and a 14 year old and they loved it. The best part, really, is the history. Kelly Vickers is such a great storyteller. He is the Registrar at Toccoa Falls College and a board member of the Stephens County Foundation. He began these trips 11 years ago with a group of college students who were learning history at TFC. The initial tour was a big hit and, as Mr. Vickers says, "The rest is history."

If you want to join us in 2018 for this free and wonderful adventure, you are in luck! The next Tugaloo River History Tour is May 26 and will depart from Walker Creek Boat ramp at 8:30 am. A shuttle will be provided to transport you back to Walker Creek after the tour.

For more information on the River History Tour, go to the website: http://www.tugaloocorridor.org/

To read more about our adventures living on Lake Hartwell, please visit my blog: angelinasgarden.wordpress.com

Hope to see you there.



### ADOPT A SHORELINE

The Lake Hartwell Association and the Corps of Engineers once again want to encourage those who would like to help keep our beautiful Lake Hartwell clean year around to adopt a segment of the shoreline. We also invite organized groups such as neighborhoods, home owners associations, scout troops, church groups, and other organizations to participate. Our lake has more than 900 miles of shoreline and keeping it clean is a massive task requiring regular attention and maintenance, especially during the heavy outdoor recreation seasons. The Corps has nearly 100 parks and other facilities that are already maintained. We need more volunteers to help with the remaining shoreline, especially those easily accessible areas such as bridge crossings that attract many shoreline fishermen.

The Corps has established a program that assigns segments of the shoreline to volunteers. This program helps ensure that the more trashed areas are covered and that there is less confusion and overlap of assigned areas. It also allows those participating to be recognized and awarded.

To adopt a shoreline call (706) 856-0348 or toll free (888) 893-0678. Or you may email your intentions to thomas.bowen.@ usace.army.mil. You will be asked what section(s) of shoreline you want to adopt, a primary contact name, phone number and email address, how many are in your group and how many trash bags you would like for the Corps to provide. If requested, you may also be provided with recommended areas of shoreline to adopt and the most convenient places for dropping full bags of trash.







### **NEW LHA BOARD MEMBERS**

Hill Powell is a retired Navy Commander and Navy Surface Warfare Officer. He graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology and served on four combatant ships with two deployments to the Persian Gulf. After retiring from the Navy, he received a master's in information management from Marymount University, he then pursued a career in the Information Technology industry working in the capacity as a senior project manager, director, and vice president for numerous companies. A native Georgian, Hill and his wife, Lynda, moved permanently to the SC upstate in 2005 on Lake Hartwell because of their love of living on the lake.

Randy Williams and his wife Valerie have been residents of Toccoa GA since 1990. They live on Toccoa Creek, a tributary of the Tugaloo river. Randy retired from the USPS as an electronics technician in 2013. Since retirement Randy and Val have become boating enthusiasts and part of the Lake community. Randy currently serves as the USCG Auxiliary Public Education Officer for this area, responsible for authorized and certified USCG public boating courses. He is also Vice Commander of our local USCG Auxiliary flotilla based at Portman Marina.

### Welcome Aboard, New Members!

Please welcome the following members, who have joined LHA since our last newsletter.



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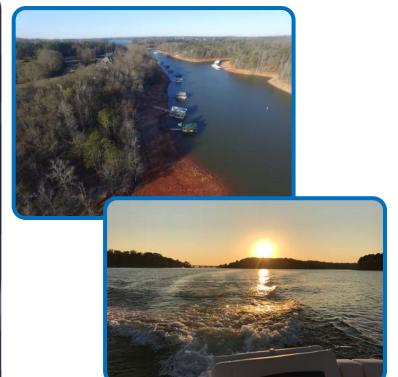
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### Photos by member, Cal Looney



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