

Letter from the President, Ray Fedele



Spring is here with bountiful rain and a full pool 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. We have also reviewed the new draft shoreline management plan produced by the Corps and find that it has changed very little and still promotes water quality and care for the shoreline areas of the Lake.

Lake Hartwell is still being visited by many fishing tournaments and this Spring will be no exception. Big Water Marina and the Lake Hartwell Sail and Power Squadron will host a Blessing of the Fleet event on the weekend of May 24-25. Bring your boat and enjoy live music, kids and adult activities and a food feast. On the following weekend June 1, the Lake Hartwell

Sail and Power Squadron will teach a Safe Boating course at the Marina. Learn everything you need to be safe and legal on the water. Pre-register by calling 864-567-1394 or go to www.upstateboatingclub.org

Another big event coming up in June is the Meals on Wheels Hartwell Lake Poker Run. Read the article in this issue for details and go to www.hartwelllakepokerrun.com for complete details.

Hart County Chamber of Commerce will again host a Pre-4th of July fun event at Big Oaks Recreation Area on June 29th followed by a festival and capped by fireworks beginning at 9:15 Come to the rec area or view the fireworks by boat by the Dam. More information at www.hart-chamber.org

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

Enjoy the Summer and see you on the Lake...

# HARTWELL LAKE CAMPGROUNDS AND DAY-USE AREAS OPEN FOR 2019 SEASON

The Corps of Engineers announced on April 1st the opening of six Campgrounds;

- Crescent Group Campground, Anderson County
- Springfield Campground, Anderson County
- Twin Lakes Campground, Pickens County
- Watsadler Campground, Hart County
- Singing Pines Day Use Area, Anderson County
- Twelve Mile Day Use Area, Pickens County

Campers to Springfield Campground will notice the results of a major tree cutting effort during the winter. Workers removed weaker Virginia Pine trees which are susceptible to disease and breakage during storms. They did so to reduce continual maintenance and public safety concerns resulting from falling trees. Natural Resources Program Manager Kenneth Bedenbaugh stated that "Campers returning in 2019 will notice significant aesthetic impacts to the overall appearance of the park. The area will be intensively managed to allow natural regeneration of beneficial tree species, supplemented by planting. This process will take time however and we ask for visitor's patience as we make long term improvements to the campground."

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# LAKE HARTWELL SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON WILL OFFER AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE

June 1st, 9:30am-5:30pm at Big Water Marina.

America's Boating Club of the Upstate, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons®, will be presenting the Americas Boating Course from 9:30 am until 5:30 pm at Big Water Marina, covering these topics:

• Boat Handling Tips

Trailering

Docking

- · Rules of the Road
- Aids to Navigation
- Emergencies
- State & Federal Regulations
- PWC Safety

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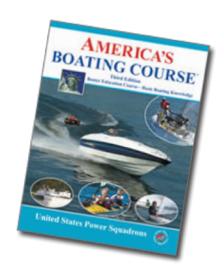
· Knots and Splices

This course is designed to provide basic safety instructions on the operation of boats for skippers, spouses, and family members. The course is taught by experienced boaters and approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and recognized by many major insurance carriers as well as the United States Coast Guard.

Cost is \$35.00 for the first family member and \$10.00 for each additional family member sharing the same course book.

Register by going to www.upstateboatingclub.org and click on Register for our next Boating Course. Book the first ticket to the shopping cart and then "Continue Shopping" to add tickets for additional family members. After you make your purchases, there is an information form to fill out for each student.

Phone 864 567-1394 or www.upstateboatingclub.org



# BLESSING OF THE FLEET AT BIG WATER MARINA MAY 25TH

Lake Hartwell Sail and Power Club will conduct a Blessing of the Fleet event in conjunction with Big Water Marina on May 25th. Plenty of activities for kids and adults alike and if you have a boat bring it by and have it inspected for safety and also blessed by Friar Chris of the St Mary's of the Angels Church.

Pull up to the Courtesy dock and have your boat checked for the proper safety gear. Inspectors will let you know if you need any additional equipment to be safe on the water. Kids bouncy houses will be ready for fun at 11 along with a free Kayak safety class and some paddle board Yoga. At 11:30 a demonstration of kid's life jackets will take place then during the first band break Friar Chris will bless the fleet. For those of you that just want to anchor out in the cove you can listen to the band and enjoy.

The band Carolina Rising will be playing most of the day and food trucks will be available.

Come out and enjoy the fun!

### **MEALS ON WHEELS POKER RUN**

The Hartwell Lake Poker Run benefiting Meals on Wheels will bring more than 200 boats to Hartwell Lake and Big Water Marina Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 6-7-8.

Entering its 10th year, the Hartwell Lake Poker Run kicks off the summer boating season in the area. Boaters from all over the Southeast will converge at Big Water Marina, then visit five different scenic locations on the lake to collect coupons. At the end of the day, boaters gather back at the marina for a drawing to award prizes.

The fun begins on Thursday evening, June 6 with a Welcome Party and Boat Showcase at Palmetto Distillery. June 7 brings a Friday morning "fun run" to Clemson beginning at Big Water Marina and a kick-off party featuring a live auction and live music that night. Saturday, June 8 is event day at Big Water Marina, and will feature live music from 11:00 am until..., including an after event party. Thursday, Friday and Saturday will offer great music, great food and a great time!

Register to participate in a weekend of sun and fun on the water. Your participation will help raise much-needed funds to feed elderly and disabled homebound residents of Anderson County.

Online registration is available through Sunday, May 19th. After that date, onsite registration is required and the entry fee increases from \$85 to \$100.









### LAKE HARTWELL BOATING SAFETY TIPS

- 1. **Be Weather-Wise.** Always check local weather conditions before departure TV and radio forecasts can be a good source of information. If you notice darkening clouds, volatile and rough changing winds, or sudden drops in temperature, play it safe by getting off the water.
- 2. **Follow a Pre-Departure Checklist.** Proper boating safety means being prepared for any possibility on the water. From compliance with fire safety regulations to tips for fueling up, following a pre-departure checklist is the best way to make sure no boating safety rules or precautions have been forgotten.
- 3. **Use Common Sense.** One of the most important parts of boating safety is use your common sense. This means operating a safe speed at all times, especially in crowded areas. Be alert at all times, and steer clear of large vessels and watercraft that can be restricted in their ability to stop or turn. Also be respectful of buoys and other navigational aids, all of which have been placed there for one reason only to ensure your own boating safety.
- 4. **Designate an Assistant Skipper.** Make sure more than only one person on board is familiar with all aspects of your boat's handling, operations, and other boating safety tips. If the captain is injured or incapacitated, it's important to make sure someone else can get everyone else back to shore.
- 5. **Make Proper Use of Life-jackets.** Did you know that the majority of drowning victims that are results of boating accidents, were found not wearing a Life-jacket? Make sure that your family and friends aren't part of this statistic by assigning and fitting each member of your onboard team with a life jacket-prior to departure.
- 6. **Avoid Alcohol.** Practice boating safety at all times by saving the alcohol for later. The probability of being involved in a boating accident doubles when alcohol is involved, and studies have also shown that the effect of alcohol is exacerbated by external effects such as sun and wind.



# FREE MOBILE PHONE APP FOR LAKE INFO

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

- Lists all Lake Levels for Hartwell, Russell and Thurmond
- Outflows at each dam along with significant points all the way to Savannah Harbor
- Observed rainfall for each Lake
- Rainfall forecast
- Stream flow forecast
- USGS Gages
- Level projections for all lakes
- Twitter, Facebook and Blog feeds

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Google Play or Amazon app store.

# KEEP LAKE HARTWELL BEAUTIFUL... FOREVER WITH A CONSERVATION EASEMENT

By Caitlyn Smith, Upstate Forever Land Protection Specialist

It is astounding that in 21 years, the Upstate's development footprint is projected to more than double in size. This means that a total area of land larger than Anderson County — formerly forests, farms, open space, and natural areas — will be converted to subdivisions, roads, shopping centers, and parking lots within the next two decades. This is far more land than we need to accommodate the region's population growth.

If this alarming trend continues, Lake Hartwell and the surrounding natural beauty will likely be irreversibly altered. For counties like Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens that rely on tourism revenue from boaters and vacationers alike, overdevelopment will cause significant negative impacts. The only way to preserve Lake Hartwell's character and the area's long-term economic health is to protect what makes it so special to tourists and residents alike: its scenic beauty, tree canopies, aquatic life, and water resources. One way to ensure that is to permanently protect your land with a conservation easement.

Many people have misconceptions about conservation easements. Does it mean I don't own my land anymore? Will all the rights I have to my property be taken away? The answer to both of these questions is no!

What a conservation easement does is permanently set aside areas that hold significant conservation values, such as property that borders Corps property along Lake Hartwell or streams that feed into the Lake. In short, it keeps vulnerable land from being lost to development. The landowner still holds rights to the property; the easement simply limits development potential according to their wishes. What the conservation easement does is formalize the landowner's long-term goals for their property while also meeting their present needs.

For example, farmers who put their farm in an easement still grow their crops and raise their livestock in the same way that they have been doing for years. A landowner who wants to harvest timber from their property can still do that, as long as there are best management practices implemented in their plan.

All conservation easements are entirely voluntary. In exchange for placing your land under a conservation easement, you may receive significant tax benefits. Sometimes funding is also available for conservation-minded landowners. Most importantly, you'll have the assurance of protecting your family's land forever.

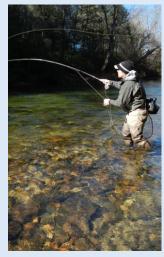
But how does all this affect Lake Hartwell?

At Upstate Forever, a nonprofit accredited Land Trust based out of Greenville, SC, our mission is largely focused on preserving water quality. Although development can be positive for a community, it can profoundly damage the water supply. We are certainly not opposed to development, but we would like to see it done in a thoughtful, responsible way. By finding a balance between conservation and development, we can protect our resources, sustain the unique character of the Upstate, and ensure that Lake Hartwell remains a special, attractive place to live and visit.

Interested in hearing more or have any questions? I'd love to talk to you!

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# GREEN POND LANDING ATTRACTS PROFESSIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENTS

Several years ago, the Anderson County Parks and Recreation Department, under the leadership of director Glenn Brill, decided to improve and expand Green Pond Landing to take advantage of its close proximity to the city of Anderson and its visitor accommodations. At the same time professional fishing was growing more popular and becoming a big visitor attraction wherever they had weekend tournaments. Green Pond had all the basics needed to become what it has...one of the most popular professional fishing tournament locations in the USA. Obviously this makes Lake Hartwell one of the most popular fishing lakes and most visited lakes in the USA. Last year alone, for example, the Corps managed properties alone had more than 11 million visitors...not including Green Pond.

Having already expanded the Green Pond launching ramp to accommodate three boats at a time, Anderson County has plans to double the ramp's size. Parking for visitors, as well fishermen and their trailers, has been expanded. And the latest addition is a very attractive two-level modern restroom facility having two men's room and two women's restrooms, one of each on each level. As you can see from the accompanying photo, it's a two-story facility on a hill side. This is because the County plans to add an amphitheater next to it on the hillside which over-looks the lake. This will be available for public presentations as well as a viewing location for fish weigh-ins during tournaments.

Much of the funding for the above has been money the County received as part of the PCB settlement several years ago...money well spent!

Visit Anderson, headed by Director Neil Paul, is a very active organizations that promotes Anderson visitation. This organization held a well-attended press conference at the Green Pond Landing location to recognize two local professional fishermen on April 22nd. Both live in this area and had recently won champion trophies which they were very proud to display.

The accompanying photos of the press conference show Brandon Cobb of Greenwood and Brian Latimer of Belton holding their championship trophies they won on Lake Hartwell. Both consider it to be their "home lake" on which they learned to fish at a very young age, and spend a great deal of time practicing on Lake Hartwell between tournaments. LHA Executive Director, Herb Burnham, spoke with both about concerns with trash and other things they may see that are not good for the lake, and ask them to report same to him or the Corp of Engineers. Both agreed to do so.





### New aquatic species handbook available for SC Waters

www.dnr.sc.gov/aquaticed/pdf/MussellFieldGuide.pdf

This is a wonderful resource for learning more about the clams and mussels that live in Hartwell Lake and other lakes and rivers in South Carolina. Twenty nine species of mussels live in the waterways of South Carolina and we also have the Invasive Asian Clam, Corbicula fluminea. The main species of clams one sees in Hartwell lake are the small invasive Corbulula, which are usually about 1 to 1.5 inches wide or smaller. Our native Unionids, which are much larger (can be up to 9 inches long) have a hard time competing with the rapidly reproducing Corbicula.

Many of our freshwater mussels are now listed as endangered or threatened. They have declined for a number of reasons:

- 1. Mussels were once harvested for pearls and their shells were used for buttons.
- 2. Habitat degradation by sedimentation of streams and rivers, which occurs when there is not much vegetation growing around the edge of the body of water. This causes erosion when there is runoff from rain or other sources.
- 3. Pollutants and toxic substances that wash into the water from septic tanks lines, fertilizers, animal fecal material, road runoff and many other sources.

Mussels are filter feeders and can't tolerate their gills being clogged by sediment. They are also sensitive to many pollutants.

Freshwater mussels are important to our aquatic ecosystem, because they filter the water remove algae, bacteria and other organic material. They help improve water quality by removing these potentially harmful substances. They also help improve water clarity by removing sediment in the water column. Mussels also serve as a food source for a variety of animals.

Mussels are an indicator species of water quality. If the mussel population starts to decrease we know that something is wrong in our aquatic ecosystem.

*Corbucila fluminea* - These are abundant in Hartwell Lake. They were brought to North America in the 1920's by Asian immigrants, who used them for food. One can sometime see the shoreline littered with the shells of these clams. The shells of dead clams almost appear black, with the outer layer peeling, showing a white inner layer.

The native Unionid shells are much rarer to find around the shoreline of Hartwell Lake. The adults shells can be up to nine inches in length.





## **ADOPT A SHORELINE UPDATE**

A couple months ago we kicked off this program to bring awareness to the fact we have 962 miles of shoreline, most of which needs regular attention and maintenance for cleanup of trash and other debris. Since that time, we have been getting the word out by leaving information brochures at marinas, boat dealers, scouting organizations, and businesses in the Lake Hartwell region. We need you and your neighbors' help in adopting a portion of Lake Hartwell's shoreline so it can be regularly maintained. All you have to do to get started is contact Park Ranger Dale Bowen at 888-893-0678 (ext. 348) or email, thomas.d.bowen@usace.army.mil. You will be asked what section(s) of shoreline you would like to adopt, your contact information, your group size, and how many trash bags you would like the Corps to provide. The Corps can also recommend an area of shoreline to adopt if you don't have a preference. You can also contact LHA board member, Hill Powell, ehillpowell@comcast.net if you would like more information or would like us to come speak at your organization about this important program.







# CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROVIDE NEW 2019 SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR REVIEW

This new proposed plan will take the place of the existing 2007 plan for shoreline management.

Every property owner needs to review at: https://go.usa.gov/xEt5J

Comments can be submitted by email at: cesas-op-h@usace.army.mil or mailed to

US Army Corps of Engineers

Hartwell Lake

5625 Anderson Hwy

Hartwell, GA 30643

Or call 1-888-893-0678



US Army Corps of Engineers

## Welcome Aboard, New Members!

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



### **WPERADE!** GOLD BUSINESS MEMBERS

BuyHartwellLake, LLC.

#### **NEW BUSINESS MEMBER**

Berkshire Hathaway / C. Dan Joyner - Doug Lancaster



#### ADMIRAL'S CLUB

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# REMEMBER TO RENEW OR UPGRADE YOUR **MEMBERSHIP**

## GOT E-MAIL?

Please remember to update your email address to make sure you're getting the latest LHA news meeting notices and action alerts!



Not sure we have your current email address? Send an email to membership@lakehartwellassociation.org

LHA respects the privacy of its members and does not share contact information, including email address, with anyone.

Thank you for your support of LHA's work "For the Sake of the Lake!"

# THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We are especially thankful for the Community and Business members that generously support LHA!

Their contact information and website links are available on LHA website!

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Collins Dock, Inc. Tammy Collins (864) 225-2551

Currahee Club Andrew Ward (706) 827-1700

Custom Dock Systems, Inc. Don Haynie (864) 225-2393

Dispute Resolution & Mediation Services Herb Burnham (864) 202-5204

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Golden Comers Lake Sail & Power Squadron Ron Lang (864) 654-4797

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IPC Supply, Inc. Lynn McLay (864) 226-1588

J & S Shoreline Angie Johnson (706) 377-4891

JC Sports Jeff Crouch (864) 882-4212

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All family benefits PLUS...
License plate frame

\$55

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> All family benefits PLUS.... License plate frame and \$30 Credit for LHA logo items

> > \$100

COMMODORE'S CLUB

All family benefits PLUS... License plate frame and \$50 Credit for LHA logo items

\$200

### Community and Business Partner Memberships

#### **MEMBER**

All member benefits
PLUS Company Name
on LHA website
\$100

#### **SILVER**

All member benefits PLUS
Company Name, logo and
website link on LHA website
and listing in newsletter
\$250

#### GOLD

All member benefits PLUS Company Name, logo and website link on LHA website AND business card size ad in quarterly newsletter.

\$500

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## **Membership Application**

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Personal Memberships:				Spring 2019
☐ Family \$40	☐ Captain's Club \$55	☐ Admiral's Cl	lub \$100	☐ Commodore's Club \$200
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☐ Member \$100	☐ Silver \$250	□ Gold \$500		
Name (s):				
Address:				
City:			_State:	Zip:
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Mail your check or money order to: Lake Hartwell Association, P.O. Box 2122, Anderson, SC 29622.				

If you prefer, you may visit www.lakehartwellassociation.org and make a secure payment online.