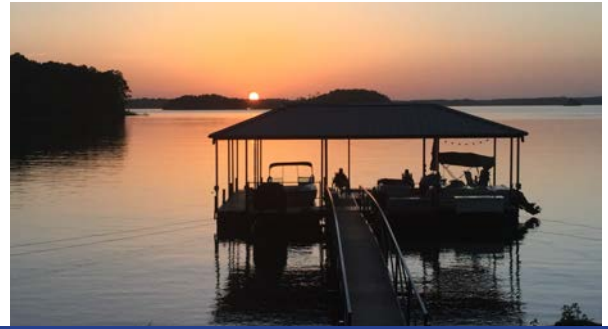




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Letter from the President, Ray Fedele

Finally, the hot brutal heat of Summer is gone and Fall with a little Winter mixed in has arrived. Your association has been busy dealing with several issues effecting property owners on the lake; namely the proposed Corps permit fee increase and the revisions to the shoreline management plan. As you will read in this issue, our efforts in questioning the permit fee increase have been resolved for the near future and all though the new shoreline management plan has not been totally approved the changes are somewhat minimal. As soon as it is officially approved, we will publish an easy to read spread sheet outlining the changes.

In October we had our annual meeting with about 150 members and guests in attendance. This gave us an opportunity to update our members on new events on the lake as well as hearing from the Corps concerning both the permit fee increase and the status of the shoreline management plan.

Also please read the article about “Adopting a Shoreline”. We need our members help in getting involved in this program.

Remember anytime you have suggestions or concerns please feel free to contact me rayfedele1969@att.net or Herb Burnham herbburnham@gmail.com.

HELP GROW LHA!

If you're receiving this newsletter, you already know all about LHA, and our commitment to the lake. Everything we do is to ensure that Lake Hartwell remains the jewel of the Upstate and receives the care and attention it deserves.

But what about your neighbors? We, the volunteers that manage the day to day activities of LHA, acknowledge that our members are our best membership recruiters. You already appreciate what we do and can share those details with other like-minded stakeholders.

Please do your part and share your newsletters with one of your neighbors. Encourage them to tear off the membership form on the last page or log on to our web site and join you and over a thousand others who do what we do together, *For the Sake of the Lake.*

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WHEN THE TEMPERATURE DROPS, THINGS HEAT-UP AT GREEN POND LANDING

By Glenn Brill, Director: Anderson County PRT Division

Green Pond Landing & Event Center will literally host the fishing tournament world during the first week in November. The BASS Nation Championship is just 59 boats & \$200,000 in economic impact, but it has more global reach than any other event Anderson County hosts. Two years ago, BASS Nation attracted anglers from 48 of our 50 states. It also saw teams from nine foreign countries, including three from Europe and three more from Africa.

In December, the nearly 200 boat Bassmaster Team Championship will visit Green Pond for the first time. The 400 anglers will generate an economic impact of \$400,000.

2020 will be the biggest non Bassmaster Classic year in Green Pond's five-year history. On January 4-5, the Striped Bass Winter Classic returns. With 100 boats and 200 anglers, it'll generate an economic impact of \$400,000. Additionally, its anglers will donate thousands of pounds of food to the Golden Harvest Food Bank.

March will see two significant tournaments. Anglers in the 70 boat Crappie USA Super Tournament will spend \$140,000 before they leave town. A new tournament, the Bassmaster College Series will attract 250 boats & 500 anglers. Its economic impact will be \$878,000.

In April, Green Pond will host \$3.5 million worth of fishing tournaments! It starts with the \$1 million TH Marine FLW Bass Fishing League All-American. Then comes the \$476,000 Ray Scott Championship. April ends with the FLW Tour Tournament, with its 156 boats and \$1.9 million in economic impact.

This December 19th is Green Pond's fifth birthday. Its economic impact will stand at \$57 million. By its sixth birthday next December, that number will be \$62 million!

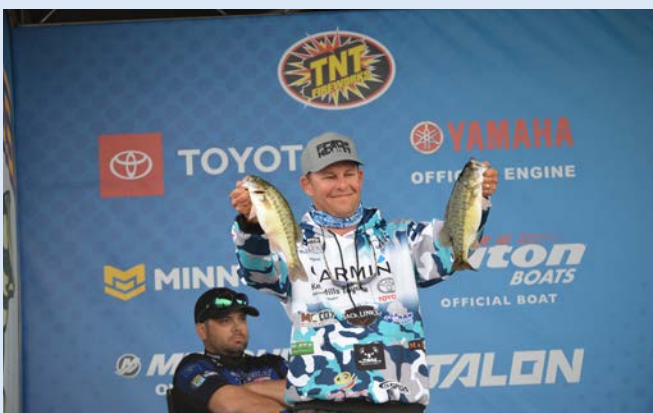


WHEN THE WORLD FISHED LAKE HARTWELL

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

Would you spend 24 hours on planes to come and fish Lake Hartwell? That's what Just Varkevisser of South Africa did in November to compete in the Bass Nation Championship at Green Pond Landing. The 59-boat tournament, while small by Green Pond's standards, literally brought the world to Lake Hartwell. Anglers from 47 of our 50 states fished, along with teams from 11 countries. Four teams from Europe, three from Africa, Japan and Australia were all on the water from November 5-8.

Oregon's Cody Hellen won, with 32 pounds, 12 ounces of Lake Hartwell bass caught over three days. Taylor Smith of Washington came in second, with 31 pounds, 7 ounces. Cam Sterritt of New Hampshire joined the top three finishers with 31 pounds, 2 ounces of Hartwell bass. All three qualified for the Academy Sports & Outdoors Bassmaster Classic next March in Birmingham, AL.



HARTWELL DOCK FEE - INCREASES DELAYED

Everyone having anything to do with Lake Hartwell is by now certainly aware of the surprising and somewhat shocking announcement by the Corps of Engineers of the new dock fee charges. Mine for example will expire in January of 2021 and would have cost \$500 more than my last renewal. That's a huge increase

When this increase was announced earlier this year the Lake Hartwell Association acted. Knowing that the decision to increase the fee was made by the Corps of Engineer's South Atlantic office in Atlanta we knew that any action to change this increase would have to come from "higher up", probably at a federal political level. Therefore, we immediately contacted our closes federal representatives, Jeff Duncan in South Carolina and Doug Collins in Georgia, both have always been very responsive to Lake Hartwell related issues since many of their constituents live on or near the lake.

Not surprisingly staff members in both offices were already aware of the situation and were planning to take action. Letters from both offices questioning the need and decision process were already being planned. Specifically, they questioned both the basis for such a large increase and the process used to make it. As a result, the Corps of Engineers withdrew their decision and plan to study it further.

Its anticipated that the fee will eventually be increased, but for a smaller amount. A final decision is anticipated in the third quarter of 2020.



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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.

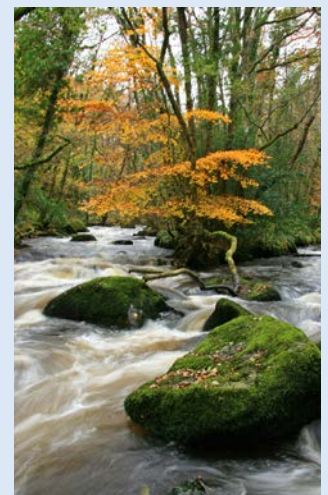
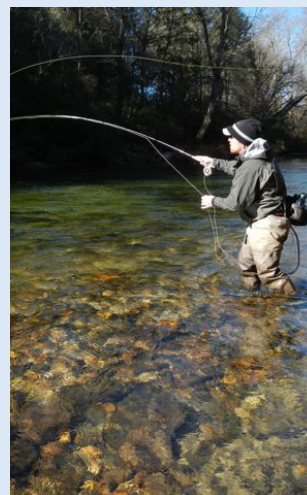
All conservation easements are entirely voluntary. In exchange for placing your land under a conservation easement, you may receive significant tax benefits. Sometimes funding is also available for conservation-minded landowners. Most importantly, you'll have the assurance of protecting your family's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

The Corps of Engineers established a trash pick-up program over a year ago called “Adopt-A-Shoreline.” This program assigns cleanup segments of the Lake Hartwell shoreline to volunteers to keep the shoreline free of trash. Keeping our immense 962 miles of shoreline clean is a massive undertaking and therefore the Corps is asking for your help to undertake the regular attention of shoreline areas not maintained by the Corps, states, and local municipalities. UPDATE: Corps of Engineers Ranger Dale Bowen says (as of September 2019): “We have signed up 10 individuals/groups, and I am waiting to hear back from 7 more who have expressed interest but haven’t fully signed up yet.”

Obviously, we need your help to not only sign up and select your shoreline area but to get the word out to your friends and organizations so we can increase the participation of this important program. To get signed up or for more information, please contact Ranger Bowen at 706-856-0348 or thomas.d.bowen@usace.army.mil. If you would like a packet of brochures to hand out or display at your company or organization, please contact Hill Powell, LHA Director at Large, ehillpowell@gmail.com.



LHA ANNUAL MEETING

The Lake Hartwell Association annual meeting was held Wednesday October 9, 2019 at the Anderson Civic Center. The meeting was well attended, and several speakers contributed detailed information concerning recent changes in leadership within the Corps of Engineers that have occurred over the past year. We all know that the Corps has and exercises full control and authority of any and all significant activities that impact the lake and its shoreline. LHA Executive Director, Herb Burnham welcomed everyone and introduced the following guest speakers.

Glenn Brill, Anderson County Parks and Recreation Director gave a complete review of all the fishing tournament activities slated for 2020.

Next Commander and District Engineer of the Corps of Engineers Savannah District, Col Daniel Hibner reviewed his outlook on the importance improved water management of the entire Savannah basin which includes Lake Hartwell.

Stan Simpson, Savannah District Water Level Manager discussed how rain events and other factors will affect the lake level in the coming year. He was not very optimistic about the amount of rainfall that will affect the basin for next year. Stan has been managing the basin for more that 30 year and is close to retirement and has been training his assistant, Kathryn Feingold, a Penn State Graduate in Meteorology.

Aaron Wahus, the new Corps” Hartwell Project Manager, was introduced and welcomed. He introduced and passed his speaking time to Sandy Campbell, his Natural Resources Program Manager, as we were running short on time.

Sandy gave an update on the rewrite of the Hartwell Shoreline Management Plan. This is the “bible” for anything and everything that happens {legally} on Corps property that makes up the shoreline. She noted that the public was given several opportunities to review and suggest changes prior to final release and noted that there were very few suggested.” The meeting conclude with Sandy taking many questions from members about the shoreline management plan and the proposed permit fee increase.





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