

# Lanier Outlook



## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

**Shore Sweep  
September 24, 2011  
Lake-wide**

## Letter from the President

While we have many long standing members, we also, as of this mailing, have over 100 new members in the association that have joined in 2011. Welcome to all of you! While our

existing members are aware of our efforts on the Tri-State Water Wars, we thought it would be helpful for our new members to see a summary of our efforts on that front. See below article for the

current status of that litigation. We hope everyone has a safe and fun summer on the lake!

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## Water Wars Revisited

The second anniversary of Judge Magnuson's "draconian" decision is fast approaching, and with anticipation growing for a decision by the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit and many new members, this month's newsletter seems an appropriate opportunity to recap the LLA's involvement in the Water Wars.

Believe it or not, the LLA

first got involved over fifteen years ago, in 1996. In 2001, we joined the State in trying to get the Corps to grant Georgia's water supply request – a lawsuit now known as "Georgia I." Since then, we have intervened in five more cases that eventually were consolidated into what we now call the Water Wars. While the legal issues are exceedingly

complex, the litigation boils down to two main questions in most members'

minds: can we use Lake Lanier for water supply, and how much water does the Endangered Species Act require Lake Lanier to contribute toward river flows in Florida.

Long-time followers of the LLA's involvement know our positions on both. First, we think the record is clear that Congress intended for Lake Lanier to ensure a reliable source of water supply for the Atlanta area as it was expected to grow. Second, we think the ESA requires only as much water to flow out of Lanier as flows into it, even





## Water Wars Revisited — continued

during a drought.

Along the way, we've experienced the lowest level in Lanier's history (1050.8), much discussion about Atlanta's growth, whether Georgians are good conservators of the waters of the ACF, and what the alternatives might be if Judge Magnuson's ruling stands. Your Association has taken the lead in promoting the equivalent of a new 26-billion gallon reservoir simply by raising Lanier two feet, which would

help protect against extremely low lake levels and against running out of water for North Georgia and Florida as well.

The LLA has also been an early and active supporter of the ACF Stakeholders organization, which consists of diverse water users from GA, FL, and AL. This group is working to develop sustainable water management plans for the entire ACF Basin that can provide effective solutions to the Water Wars. Through

it all, the LLA has been a lone voice representing our members, who want to keep Lanier full. We stand ready to continue that effort, no matter what the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit decides.



## Annual Meeting Recap

The association held its 2011 Annual Member Meeting on Thursday, May 19th, 2011 at the new Forsyth Conference Center on the Lanier Tech campus in Forsyth County.

Several updates were given by association board members including the year in review, financials, and current initiatives.

Our keynote speaker, Georgia State Senator Jack Murphy, gave us his insights on the most recent legislative session as well as his thoughts about the Tri-State Water Wars, reservoir development, and the 1073 concept.

Tim Rainey, Corps of Engineers Project Manager for Buford Dam, also spoke at our annual meeting. Tim reviewed the COE forecast for Lanier levels for the early part of summer 2011.

This year, in addition to our regular meeting, the LLA offered, free of charge, educational workshop sessions prior to the start of the meeting.

There were four workshops to choose from:

- a. Gardening with native plants for lake front properties by master gardener Pam Keene
- b. Lanier fishing techniques with professional fishing guide Ken Sturdivant
- c. Boating safety with Mike

Atkinson and Roy Crittendon of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

- d. Building rain barrels for water conservation with Kevin Smith of Keep Forsyth County Beautiful.

Overall, the workshop sessions were well attended and well received! Based on the success of the workshop sessions this year, we hope to offer them again next year. If you have a suggestion for a specific workshop that you think would be of interest to the general membership, please send us an email at [lakeinfo@lakelanier.org](mailto:lakeinfo@lakelanier.org) for consideration.



## What's In Your Wallet?

The Lake Lanier Association has initiated a credit card rewards program with Capital One credit card issuer. As a 501(c)3 non profit organization, the LLA qualifies for the Capital One credit card rewards program. That means that when people use a Lake Lanier Association credit card, we get 1% of the purchase back as a donation to our organization to help us continue our lake advocacy programs and services!

Here's how it works: members go to our website to access the online application page and apply for a credit card directly with Capital One. Once approved, the card is issued directly to the member. Our organization then receives \$50 after the first purchase, 2% donation on gas and grocery purchases, 1% donation on all other purchases, and up to 10% of purchases made at select merchants!

We are currently working with several lake merchants to offers discounts or other incentives to customers paying with a Lake Lanier Association credit card. Below is a list of the current lake vendors participating in the program. We encourage all of our members to ASK local merchants if they will offer a discount when using this credit card. Many of them will when asked! Please email us at [info@lakelanier.org](mailto:info@lakelanier.org) to update us on vendors giving discounts so we can keep everyone updated.



### VENDORS PARTICIPATING IN THE LLA CREDIT CARD PROGRAM:

#### Landscape Management Company

770.536.5044 — 25% off of a new customer's first month of their annual maintenance contract or 15% off of a new customer's one time landscape clean up.

#### Pelican Pete's Bar and Grill

Port Royal Marina — Buy 1 one meal get one 1/2 off Monday- Thursday.

#### Pier 29 Restaurant,

9420 Browns Bridge Road — 10% off the total food bill, not valid with any other offers.



## Golf Tournament Results

The Lake Lanier Association Annual Golf Tournament was held on Monday, May 16th, 2011 at Legacy on Lanier golf course. While it was unseasonably cool that day, we had clear skies and otherwise terrific weather. The tournament was a fun way to spent time with others interested in protecting Lake Lanier and helped us raise additional funds to continue our programs.

**Womens tournament champions  
with overall score of 65:**

**Mitzi Tindol, Linda Clinton, Peggy  
Colewell, and Sharon Perry**



**Mens tournament champions with  
overall score of 56:**

**(not in order of photo) Brian  
Sutherland, Patrick Sutherland, Bill  
Sloan, and Steve Stonecypher**



## Shore Sweep 2011—September 24, 2011

Plans are well underway for Shore Sweep 2011. The Shore Sweep committee has held two preplanning meetings and there is another preplanning meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 20th at 12:00Noon at the Coo Coo's Nest restaurant off Pilgrim Mill Road in Forsyth County. Any LLA members interested in helping to plan for the event are welcome to join in on the planning meeting.

For 2011, we plan on having the same day-of-event locations—all the marinas, Lake Lanier Islands, War Hill Park in Dawson County and Clarks Bridge in Hall County. Last year we had two advance drop off locations. For 2011, we are hoping to increase the number of advance drop off locations to maximize the amount of debris we can collect for the event. We are currently working with the Corps of Engineers on the advance locations and will publish them soon. Essentially, the entire lake is being divided up into zones with each zone assigned a particular advanced drop off location.



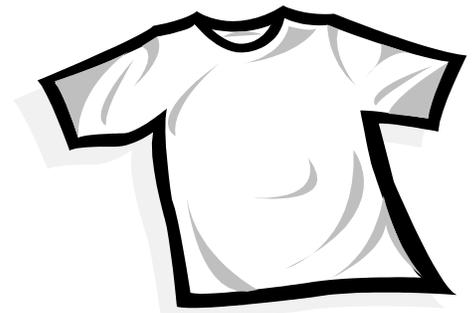
We are in need of location captains for the day of the event!

Location captains are responsible for coordinating the volunteers at that location and assigning volunteers to specific areas. We also need volunteers with boats that would be willing to help scout locations in advance.

Please continue sending us locations that you see on the lake that need attention during Shore Sweep. We are keeping a list of those locations and will work with our location captains as we get closer to the event in the hopes that we can dispatch volunteers to as many of the reported locations as possible. If you know of a lake shoreline location that needs attention, please email us at [lakeinfo@lakelanier.org](mailto:lakeinfo@lakelanier.org) with either the GPS coordinators or the lake map coordinates.

We are also hoping to include more of our volunteers in the after event celebration by having individual location recognitions instead on the single location cook out party. We have heard from many of our volunteers that after a long, tiring morning of picking up debris in the lake, they don't want to drive a long distance to a single location party. We are working with our location captains to find a way to recognize our volunteers

without limiting ourselves to a single site for the after event party. Stay tuned for more details on that idea!



### *It is time to design!*

Put on your artist's beret and start working on your design ideas for the 2011 Shore Sweep t-shirt design contest.

\$100 prize goes to the winning entry in the contest.

The artwork must be original and must have the artist's name, address, and phone number listed on the back of the sheet.

Submissions become the property of the Lake Lanier Association. The design must be submitted on no larger than 8.5"x11" inch standard size copy paper.

Deadline to submit is Friday, August 19th, 2011. Mail submissions to Lake Lanier Association at 615F Oak Street, Suite 100, Gainesville, GA 30501



# May 2011 Lake Lanier Index

Lake Lanier warmed to 70 degrees the first weekend of May, 13 degrees higher than in April. The Secchi readings averaged 6.5 feet same as last month. The best reading was off Lanier Sailing Club at 11.7 feet. The lowest reading was North of the Rowing Venue at 3 feet. Our A section averaged 3 feet, B 10.4 feet and C 8.8 feet. Our highest chlorophyll a reading of 7ppb was off a dock in Little River. Section B and C averaged 1 and A averaged 1.8 ppb. An increase of chlorophyll a in April and May is to be expected as the

Lake warms.

We will leave our Lake Lanier index at **6** with similar readings as last month.

Adopt-A-Lake divides Lake Lanier into three sections "A" north of Brown's Bridge, "B" the center region south of the Bridge to a line from Six Mile Creek east to Aqualand Marina, and "C" south of this line to Buford Dam. We have 30 stations that volunteers test the first weekend every month. Secchi readings are taken by lowering a weighted disk into the water and measuring the distance

it can be seen thus giving a gauge of



clarity. Chlorophyll a is used to determine nutrients in the Lake.

The Lake Lanier Index is only a measure of nutrients and clarity and not of water safety.

Thanks to our wonderful Adopt-A-Lake volunteers, AMPRO Labs for our chlorophyll a analysis, and the support of all Lake Lanier Association members.

## We want more people like you!

One of the best ways for us to get new members is from the recommendation of existing members.

Please consider talking to your friends and neighbors about joining the LLA.

If a new member joins and references an existing member, we will give a \$20 gift certificate to our new LLA e-store. The e-store is an online store that has many different LLA related apparel and accessory items.

Gift Certificate to e-store

**\$20.00**

Lake Lanier Association  
New Member Referral Gift  
www.lakelanier.org

See the e-store section of this newsletter for details



## LLA Member Meet and Greet Social—April 2011 at Pier 29



Thanks to all of the members that came out to the Meet and Greet social event in April at Pier 29 restaurant off Browns Bridge Road in Gainesville. The remodeled restaurant looked great!



The LLA social events are informal and fun! We have plans to do more of them going forward. To be sure you are notified about upcoming events, be sure you are on our email distribution list—send an email to [lakeinfo@lakelanier.org](mailto:lakeinfo@lakelanier.org) to be added—and be sure to be a fan of our Facebook page to get the most current information!

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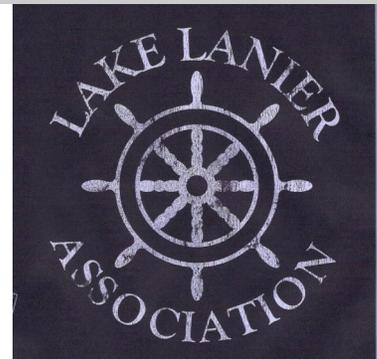
The LLA has a new e-store with lots of different Lake Lanier related apparel and accessory items. The e-store link is on the LLA website at [www.lakelanier.org](http://www.lakelanier.org).

Once on the e-store site, you choose your item, graphic, fabric color, and size.

You pay for the item online by credit card and the item will ship directly to the address you specify.

Golf shirts, t-shirts, hats, golf towels, beach towels, coolers, and more are available in the e-store.

Screen Print Graphics Available for t-shirts and sweatshirts!



Stitched Graphics Available for golf shirts, towels, hats, and more!

