

LAKE BURTON CIVIC ASSOCIATION – THE MISSION



When people come together for a common goal great things can be accomplished. Some communities know that secret to success and establish a solid group of interested parties, in this case, over 900 homeowners who have that goal in mind and know what it will take to achieve their mission.

The goals of the Lake Burton Civic Association, founded in 1968, are three-fold and multi-faceted. I was invited by LBCA president, Linda Dixon, to join her at the lake early on a Saturday morning

and in our fire departments. The LBCA works very closely with Sheriff Frank Andrews and his staff. They pay off-duty officers to work weekends to patrol with DNR officers to keep the lake and those who come to enjoy it a bit safer than they would otherwise be. The LBCA also works with Mountain Patrol, The Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, Tallulah/ Persimmon Fire Department and the Wildcat Fire Department. The support given to these fire departments has resulted in improvements to their equipment and provided tools these men and women need to protect the homes in the Lake Burton area.

As far as the water in the lake, the LBCA works closely with Georgia Power, The Lake Burton Club (the Reynolds Group

recently purchased this property) and the Tallulah River Watershed to ensure that the water is clean. It was so clear on that Saturday morning I visited we watched the perch and bream swim near the boat house. Another force that has proven to be a true asset to the LBCA is Senator Jim Butterworth. Senator Butterworth is known for his extensive knowledge of water issues and what it takes to keep it clean and pure. Linda shared how important communication is to protect against water transfer. This is a very involved process but one that is imperative to ensure that the lake is protected.

Secondly, the LBCA wishes to give back to Rabun County and give they do. Like all of the lake associations the homeowners and members give generously to charities and causes such as: Rhapsody in Rabun, Chattooga Conservancy, Rabun Techno Dudes, Community Pantry, Boggs Mountain Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity, The Lake Burton Scholarship Foundation and Medicine for Children. The LBCA actually hosts fundraisers such as an annual golf tournament and a tour of homes and those proceeds go to the volunteer fire departments mentioned earlier. So much of what is done is supported by our lake associations and benefits Rabun County residents. If you have ever enjoyed the Lake Burton fireworks show, which is one of the biggest north of



Linda Dixon - LBCA President at Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Atlanta and put on by Hal Rhoades, you can thank Mr. Rhoades and the members of the LBCA who give to help make that possible. This year's Lake Burton Fun Run was organized by Robert Nichols and supported by LBCA and was a huge success with participation by residents county-wide. Generosity seems to run rampant on our lakes and it is appreciated by Rabun County.

Thirdly and this time looking toward the future; the LBCA is eager to work with the organizations on Lake Rabun and Lake Seed, the West Rabun Property Owners Association, Anchorage and LaPrade's Marinas, The Lake Burton Club and any other interested parties to form a partnership that works for the good of all of the homeowners, part and full time residents on the lakes, as well as Rabun County as a whole. The outlook of the LBCA is bright as autumn makes its way to the mountains. I appreciate all that is done by our lake associations and homeowners groups across our county and personally wish to extend a sincere thank you for all that you have done. Bravo!

by Tracy McCoy

Anyone owning or leasing lakefront property is invited to join the LBCA; if you are interested please contact Becky Callahan at 706.782.8429.



LBCA Annual Meeting with equipment donated to the Fire Department



The golf carts are lined up at Kingwood Country Club for Golf Tournament.

to talk about what has been accomplished, what is underway and what the future holds. It was a beautiful morning on the lake and a pleasure to get to know Linda and her husband Sam as well as another guest Jim Holmes, a past LBCA president.

First and foremost the LBCA works to protect the lake. That includes the water, the residents and the homes. To do so is to support those who work in law enforcement