

The Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O.

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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

New officers and directors were elected at the September General Meeting.

- Jim Woodrow – President
- Sam Piccolo – First Vice President
- Joe Till – Second Vice President
- Carolyn Hardy – Secretary/Treasurer
- Melissa Bailey – Parliamentarian

Gordon Beene, Renee Powers, Jim McCormick, Chris Speaks – New Directors

Please give them your support. There are so many things we can do to protect, preserve and improve our lake. While we want to keep it a very private retreat for those who feel that need, at the same time we want to make it a better place for all of us. Feel free to call any officer, director or area representative with your comments, suggestions, or questions.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jim Woodrow

As the new president of the Lake Mitchell HOB O Association, I would like to express by appreciation and gratitude to each of you and especially to the past president, Dan Murchison, the outgoing officers, and the directors for their vision to start this organization. Dan and the officers and directors have brought this organization a long way in two years.

To know where we are going it is wise to know where we have been. Some of the accomplishments are (1) water monitors trained and certified, (2) eight sites are monitored monthly, (3) fifteen area representatives identified (4) a newsletter was developed and is published quarterly, (5) an annual lake picnic was held the last two years, (6) lake clean-up campaigns have been conducted, (7) trash cans placed at marinas and Higgins Ferry Park, (8) public phone at Higgins Ferry Park, (9) committees with identified goals



have been established for Fire/Rescue Boat, Security, Membership, and Publicity.

Well.....where do we go from here??? A few of our new goals are (1) make HOB O more visible on the lake, (2) increase HOB O membership, (3) develop a Lake Mitchell residents directory, (4) develop closer relationships with Coosa and Chilton County officials, (5) work more closely with area representatives to strengthen neighborhoods, (6) identify individual concerns and needs. I have a challenge to live up to, considering my predecessors' accomplishments; a challenge to keep the programs implemented and to continue working for the good of the lake community. I also challenge each of you to get involved. Take a look at your lake. Join HOB O. "Do something" to preserve, protect and improve the lake we all love.

Thank you again for your support and I look forward to meeting and working with as many of you as possible. I may be reached by phone at 205-755-0055 (lake), 205-425-9431 (home) or by E-mail at AJWKING@AOL.COM.

MORE CHANGES

As a direct result of your input an amendment was made to the constitution changing the budget year from October 1 – September 31 to the calendar year. This should make it much easier to remember dues each year. Another amendment changed the semi-annual meetings to one annual meeting to be held on the first Thursday in November. Again at your request, the general meeting was moved away from holidays and weekends. The third amendment, making the Second Vice President the membership chairman, was added.

WATER QUALITY REPORT

PARAMETER	ACCEPTABLE	EIGHT SITE AVERAGE
Dissolved O ₂	5-9	6.2
pH	6.5-8.2	7.5
Alkalinity	20+	52.5
Hardness	10-120	51.25

Quarterly Report Average Water Quality

A low **dissolved oxygen** level indicates a demand on the oxygen in the system. Pollutants such as inadequately treated sewage as well as decaying natural organic matter can cause low oxygen levels. The **pH** scale ranges from very acidic such as battery acid to very basic such as household lye. The midsection of the scale between 6.5 to 8.2 is optimal for most organisms. If a body of water has an abundance of buffering materials causing high **total alkalinity**, it is more stable and resistant to pH changes. When alkalinity is above 20mg/l there is a marked increase in nutrient utilization. **Hardness** refers primarily to the amount of calcium and magnesium, which enters the water mainly by leaching of rocks. Both minerals are essential to the development and growth of aquatic plants and animals.

DEATHS

Ralph Comer (Blue Creek)
James Graves (Blue-Cargile)
Thomas Oliver Newman (Airplane-Dam)
Billy Joe Minor, Prominent builder on the lake. (Dam)

It has been suggested the newsletter include death notices. If you wish such an announcement to be included call 755-4858. Some people have expressed an interest in making memorial contributions to River Church or to the Fire/Rescue Project.

THANK YOU COCA COLA

Maxwell Sims with Birmingham Coca-Cola has given us recycling containers for each marina. We encourage you to use them. Recycling is important!

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AREA REPRESENTATIVES

In an effort to increase security, HOBBO purchased engravers for each area representative to lend to homeowners in their area. Please see your area rep, borrow an engraver, and mark your valuables with your driver's license number. A thief is less likely to take something if it is marked. Even if it is taken, you may have a chance to get it back if you can identify it.

Area #	Area Name	Representative	Phone
1	Blue Creek	Gordon Beene	755-3934 879-4119
2	Blue to Cargile	Mary Olson	755-9561
3	Cargile South	Dan Murchison	755-0521 823-2308
4	Cargile North	Joe Till	755-0669
5	Cargile to Bird	Duey Kerper	755-2527 979-1845
6	Bird Creek	Robin Cagle	755-7952
7	Bird to Walnut	Sue Abernathy	755-6848
8	Walnut SW	Cecil "Bo" Austin	280-0838
9	Walnut Creek Peninsula	Wayne Hardy	755-4858
10	Cove and Mountain	Bill Knowles	755-4622
11	Mountain to Dam Area	Rick & Mary Hurst	755-4687
12	Upper Hatchet and Weogufka	Edsel Hughes	377-4728
13	Pennamotley	Sam Piccolo	377-4801
14	Hatchet to Big Airplane	Pat Crocker	377-4528
15	Big Airplane to Dam	Mary Robbins	377-2475

SUMMER BUSY AND PROFITABLE FOR FIRE/RESUE BOAT COMMITTEE

Angie Taylor wears many hats around this area. She is a member of this committee, a member of East Chilton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, a member of Alabama Power Service Organization to name a few. She wore all these hats this summer as chairman of a skeet shoot fund-raiser to benefit the boat. This effort brought in \$10,000. It will become an annual fund-raiser to maintain the boat, pay the insurance, and replace consumable equipment. Thank you Angie!

WILLIAM ROBINSON WINS NEW TRUCK

On August 22, 1998, the Fire/Rescue Committee gave away a new 1998 Chevrolet S-10 pick-up truck. The drawing was held at Stokes Chevrolet. Aaron Little, Salesman at Stokes, and also a resident of Bird Creek, suggested the project and acted as its chairman. Through Aaron's hard work, the generosity of the people at Stokes and of those who bought tickets, the effort cleared \$13,800 for the boat!

ANOTHER GUN RAFLE

If you can help move some tickets for a 270 Browning BAR automatic rifle please call Wayne Hardy. The drawing will be November 14. This is yet another fund-raiser to benefit the fire/rescue boat.

NOTICE

Clanton Water Works Board recently approved city water access to residents on County Roads 819 and 467. The cost is \$3,500 per resident with at least 6 residences connecting. The deadline for applying is November 2, 1998. If you have questions call 755-1105.

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A REMINDER ABOUT BOAT LICENSE

Gary Buchanan

If you have not yet gotten your boat operator's license, time is running out. Already there is a two month wait for certificates from home study and Marine Police Boating Basics Courses. All boat operators 12 years old and older will be required to have a boat operator's license in their possession as of April 28, 1999. Persons who turn 45 years old by that date are exempt from taking the written test but are still required to have the license.

If you have any questions about the boat license or would like to know where the next boating class is being offered in your area, call Capt. Bob Huffaker at 1-800-272-7930.

MEMBERSHIP FOR 1999 DUE NOW!

Due to the change in the constitution, you will get 15 months membership for your 1999 dues. The business year will run from October 1, 1998, through December 1999, for this year only. Beginning in the year 2000, dues will be payable January 1. Hopefully this change will help us all remember to pay dues each year.

Lake Mitchell HOBO
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Annual dues Homeowner \$25.00	Annual Dues Supporter \$10.00	Firework Donation \$	Fireboat Donation \$
Name:			
Mailing Address:			
Lake 911 Address:			
Phone: Home		Lake	
Lake Area:			

H. O. B. O. RECOGNIZES.....

- Mary Sue Olson for her efforts in obtaining county road signs for some of her area.
- Wayne Hardy for being appointed to the Chilton County Park Board.
- Dan Murchison for being elected Vice President of Alabama Water Watch Association.

If you know of any achievements of friends in your area, please submit to Jim Woodrow, 124 Hunters Point Circle, Hoover, Alabama 35244 or AJWKING@AOL.COM



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ALMOST COMPLETE

The little shed that you see beside the pavilion at Higgins Ferry Park is a new fish aerator. Alabama Power Company and Alabama Fish and Game Division joined with HOBO to install the system. It will be available for all bass tournaments. It provides scales and a nice place to weigh in fish. After fish are weighed they are placed in the tanks for several minutes to help counteract the shock of being caught and held in live wells for long periods. When fish are then released, their chances for survival will be much greater.

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