
The Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jim Woodrow

As outgoing President of Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O., I feel a little sad, but I am excited to know that I turn the presidency over to someone who cares as much about the H.O.B.O. and Lake Mitchell as I do. Sam Piccolo, a long time resident of the Lake and Coosa County will do a great job.

Great things are ahead. I see nothing but improvement in the future of Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O. For my part I am dedicated to and will continue to serve Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O. and the Lake Mitchell Community in any way that I can. We have put together a group of Officers and Directors that will be dedicated to improvement of the organization through the implementation of present projects and the development of new projects for the lake and community.

We all have a responsibility to each other, the environment we live in, and the organization we have established to Preserve, Protect and Improve Lake Mitchell. This responsibility is not to be taken lightly. When we look around we see so much beauty, but we also must realize how fragile the beauty really is; one person, one incident, one careless moment can cause great harm, but on the other hand that one person or one incident can also do so much good. Some of those good incidents are clean-up days where you can see what a difference a little work will make, the rescue of a young boy hurt on the lake, a newsletter that lets friends and

neighbors know what is going on, and dedicated people working to improve our quality of life.

Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O. has accomplished so many things:

- Lake Areas / Membership
- Phone Book
- Marine 9 Fire / Rescue Boat
- Clean-up / Workdays
- Brochure
- Newsletter
- Emergency Identification Signs



When you look at these things you realize that they are not just one-time events. Each of the items identified above is never ending, they require constant work. Volunteers are needed from each area and from one end of the lake to the other to maintain communication in order to identify problems or potential problems, which need to be addressed and to spread the word about good things that are happening.

We as an organization and a community have a strong future; and as for me, I thank all of you for your guidance, your help and most of all for letting me be a part of something we all can be proud of – The Lake Mitchell Home Owners and Boat Owners Association

I would like to introduce you to the Officers and Directors for 2001 – 2002:

PRESIDENT - SAM PICCOLO Area 13B

Sam is a retired Air Force Colonel. He and his wife Nancy have lived on Lake Mitchell, Pennamotley Estates since 1996. They have two daughters, one son, and five grandchildren. Sam has been very active in H.O.B.O.

since its beginning. He is responsible for water monitoring on our Lake, and will continue to serve as Chairman of the Water Monitor Committee. Sam previously served on the Board of Directors of Alabama Water Watch Association and is currently a member of Alabama Water Watch Association. Sam is also trained in Bacteriological (ECOLI) testing.

1st VICE PRESIDENT – GEORGE JACKINS Area 5
George and his wife Donna Leigh have been residents of Lake Mitchell for 25 years. George graduated from Georgia Tech in 1958. He is a registered Professional Engineer. He and Donna Leigh have two sons, a daughter, and four and ½ grandchildren. He enjoys golf as a social event – not a serious endeavor.

2nd V. PRESIDENT – FRED CALLOWAY Area 13A
Fred and his wife Alice have lived on Lake Mitchell for the past 7 years. They have one son, one daughter and three grandchildren. Fred is retired from Kimberly Clark. He has served as an officer of H.O.B.O. since 1999, is the Area Representative for Pennamotley-West Area and monitors two water sites.

TREASURER – JUDY THORNTON – Area 2
Judy and her husband, Harold, are lifetime residents of Chilton County. They have one son, two daughters and twin grandchildren. She has worked in Administration for the Chilton County Commissioners. Judy has an accounting business. They have been on Lake Mitchell for the past 17 years. Judy enjoys many outdoor hobbies, gardening, fishing, and bird watching, but none more than watching her grandchildren enjoy the Lake.

SECRETARY – JOHNYE WOODROW – Area 2
Johnye and her husband Jim have been on Lake Mitchell for the past ten years. They have two sons. She has been active in H.O.B.O. since its inception as Finance Committee Chairman and Picnic Chairman. She served on the Fire and Rescue Boat Committee and Publicity Committee. Johnye is the owner of an independent insurance agency in Pelham.

DIRECTORS:

DUNCAN AUSTIN Area 15
Duncan and his wife Jan have been on Lake Mitchell since his early childhood. They have one daughter (who has graciously helped with graphic arts for H.O.B.O.) Duncan graduated from the University of Alabama Tuscaloosa, and The University of Alabama School of

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Dentistry. Duncan is retired from the Veterans Administration Hospital as Chief of Dental Services in 1995. Since retiring, he and Jan have enjoyed traveling. He also enjoys gardening and woodcarving. Duncan served as a Director in 1996 and 1997 and served as Area Representative during that time as well.

TERRY BATES – Area 8

Terry has been on the Lake since the early 1960's. He and his wife Debbie have four children and three grandchildren. Terry is a native of Chilton County, served in the U.S. Navy and is currently employed with U. S. Steel. He and Debbie are members of Provident Baptist Church. Terry is the current Assistant Chief of the East Chilton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. As Terry has been on the Lake since a young man, he wants to do all he can to help preserve our Lake so his children, grandchildren, and other generations will be able to enjoy it as he does.

GORDON BEENE – Area 1

Gordon and his wife Ruth have been on the Lake since the early 1960s. They have two sons. Gordon graduated from Howard College in Birmingham (now known as Samford University), started the Y.M.C.A. in Homewood, and retired from the furniture business. Gordon was a Boy Scout Master for ten years, and served on the Homewood Art Board for eighteen years. He has served as a Director for H.O.B.O. since 1996. Gordon also serves H.O.B.O. as an Area Representative for the Blue Creek Area and a water monitor. Gordon is also an active member of Alabama Water Watch.

BRENDA LANGSTON – Area 7

Brenda was born in Chilton County. She married her childhood sweetheart, Mike. They have one son. Brenda is a graduate of University Alabama Birmingham in education and has taught physical education in the Jefferson County School System. She and Mike moved to the Lake four years ago, and she is now teaching in the Chilton County Schools. Brenda enjoys skiing, tennis and preserving our environment

JIM MCCORMICK – Area 4

Jim and his wife Tricia have two sons. The McCormick family has had a home on Cargile Creek for over forty years. Jim graduated from Auburn University and is employed by Regions Financial Corporation as Senior Investment Officer. Jim has served as a Director for H.O.B.O. since 1998. He served on the Finance/Fund Raising Committee, and the Budget Committee. Jim and

his family provide the wonderful fireworks display every 4th of July for Lake Mitchell.

H.L. (Mac) McMILLAN – Area 13B

Mac served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He received his B.S. Degree from the University of South Carolina in electrical engineering. Mac has four children and six grandchildren. He retired from Bell South in 1987 after thirty six years of employment. Mac has been a Director for H.O.B.O. since 1996. He served on the Fire and Rescue Boat Committee, and has worked on all habitat enhancement projects and Lake clean-ups. Mac writes H.O.B.O. articles for the Coosa County newspaper, and publishes "Paddling Around Pennamotley", a neighborhood newsletter. He is the water monitor for the Pennamotley-East area. Mac's hobbies include photography and time with his family. Several of Mac's Lake photos are displayed at Lake Mitchell Marina.

DAN MURCHISON – Area 3

Dan and his wife Judy have had a place on Cargile Creek for over twenty years. Dan is the founder and first president of Lake Mitchell H.O.B.O. He graduated from the University of Alabama Tuscaloosa. Dan is retired from the insurance profession. He and Judy have two daughters and four grandchildren. Dan is currently an Area Representative for Cargile South and is a certified water monitor. Dan is President of Alabama Water Watch Association, a Director at Large with Resource Conservation and Development Council of Chilton County, Chairman of Chilton Pride Watershed and Litter Program, and a Director for P.A.L.S (People Against a Littered Society)

MARY SUE OLSON - Area 2

Mary Sue is a native of Chilton County with roots back to 1820. She lived in the Tampa Bay area for 51 years. She has four children and ten grandchildren. Mary Sue graduated from the University of South Florida with a B.A. degree in Sociology.. She was employed with the State of Florida Children's Protective Services for eighteen years. Retiring in 1987, she moved back to Chilton County. Mary Sue is an active member of Chilton Pride, and is currently the Area Representative for Area 2. Mary Sue enjoys landscaping and construction projects.

RENEE POWERS - Area 8

Renee and her husband Tom have twin sons. The Powers family has had a home on Lake Mitchell since the 1950's. Renee graduated from Auburn University and recently retired as a schoolteacher for Chilton

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County. She has served the Chilton Community as an Ambassador for the Chilton County Chamber of Commerce, is a member of P.E.E.C.H., served on the Chilton Leadership 2000 Group which made the improvements to Higgins Ferry Park and is now the Chairman for Chilton Leadership 2001 Group. Renee has served as a Director since 1998.

CARL SCOTT – Area 5

Carl and his wife Katie have three children and three grandchildren. Carl graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1959, served in the U.S. Army, and retired from Activation, Inc. in 1991. Carl is an elder at Liberty Church in Birmingham, Al, and has been designated as Chaplain for H.O.B.O. He has been a member of H.O.B.O. since its inception and has served on the Fire & Rescue Boat Committee. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, boating and woodworking.

CAROL WILLIE - Area 6

Carol and her husband Royce lived in Centreville, Al for twenty years prior to moving to Lake Mitchell three years ago. They have three children and five grandchildren. Carol enjoys traveling and working to improve Lake Mitchell. Carol was instrumental in recognizing Rev Johnnie Thorough for his efforts in starting River Church on Lake Mitchell. She is the Area Representative for Bird Creek.

JIM WOODROW – Area 2

Jim and Johnye Woodrow have been on Lake Mitchell for the past ten years. They have two sons. Jim has a B.S. Degree from Auburn University and is currently employed with U.S.Steel. Jim served H.O.B.O. as its President from 1998-2000, served as a Director 1997-1998. Jim is a certified water monitor for the Lake and is also certified in Bacteriological (ECOLI) testing. He is an Alabama Water Watch Certified Trainer for water monitoring.

WATER QUALITY REPORT

Sam Piccolo, Chairman

PARAMETER	ACCEPTABLE	SEVEN SITE AVERAGE
Dissolved O ₂	5-9	7.14
PH	6.5-8.2	7.83
Alkalinity	20+	74.05
Hardness	10-120	60.95

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AREA REPRESENTATIVES 2001 - 2002

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	Ann McCarty	755-0869
5	Cargile to Bird	George Jackins	755-0567 822-2282
6	Bird Creek	Carol Willie	280-1133
7	Bird to Walnut	Sue Abernathy	755-6848
8	Walnut SW	Cecil "Bo" Austin	280-0838
9	Walnut Creek Peninsula	Kathy & Pete Peerson	280-7750 699-1618
10	Cove and Mountain	Bill Knowles	755-2038
11	Mountain to Dam Area	Rick & Mary Hurst	755-4687
12	Upper Hatchet and Weogufka	Edsel Hughes	377-4849
13A	East Pennamotley	Fred Calloway	377-2333
13B	West Pennamotley	Sam Piccolo	377-4801
14	Hatchet to Big Airplane	Pat Croker	377-4528
15	Big Airplane to Dam	Charlie & Mary Robbins	377-2475

COMMITTEES 2001 - 2002

RELICENSING COMMITTEE – members attend meetings with Alabama Power and other Coosa River stakeholders and report back to H.O.B.O. Members will carry priority items to those meetings that H.O.B.O. would like to see addressed on behalf of Lake Mitchell. Dan Murchison, Chairman, Duncan Austin, George Jackins, Jim Woodrow

WATER MONITOR COMMITTEE Co-ordinates the water monitor collective data for Lake Mitchell and reports to Alabama Water Watch at Auburn University. Determines the sites to be monitored. Furnishes water monitoring testing equipment and performs annual re-certification of the monitors. Sam Piccolo, Chairman, Mac McMillan, Gordon Beene and Jim Woodrow

FIRE/RESCUE COMMITTEE: identifies areas that would enhance the fire and rescue service to Lake Mitchell including but not limited to Marine 9. Prepares a quarterly report on Marine 9 for the Board of Directors. Carl Scott, Chairman, Terry Bates, Michael Minor

CLEAN-UP COMMITTEE: in charge of organizing Lake-wide clean-up days in the Spring and the Fall. George Jackins, Chairman, Mary Sue Olson, Dan Murchison

SOCIAL COMMITTEE –in charge of HOB0 annual picnic and refreshments other HOB0 function. Renee Powers, Chairman, Carol Willie, Brenda Langston, Nancy Piccolo

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE – reports to the local newspapers of H.O.B.O. events. Maintains a scrapbook of activities. Publishes the newsletter and telephone book. Judy Murchison – Co-Chairman – Chilton County. Mac McMillan – Co Chairman – Coosa County. Mary Sue Olson, Johnye Woodrow

SECURITY/BOATHOUSE SIGN COMMITTEE
Identified properties on Coosa County side of Lake. Mapped Lake – purchases identification signs for fire/rescue. Works with Area Representatives to install signs. Fred Calloway, Chairman, Jim McCormick, Jim Woodrow

BUDGET COMMITTEE – prepares a future budget for the organization to be presented at the annual meeting in the Fall. Sam Piccolo, Chairman, Jim Woodrow, Judy Thornton, Jim McCormick, Gordon Beene

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE responsible for raising money for items not funded by budget. Organizes fun events to enhance not only funds, but also friendships and fun. Jim Woodrow, Chairman, Jim McCormick, Carol Willie, Brenda Langston, Johnye Woodrow

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE responsible for identifying areas on Lake that need clean-up. Stay

informed as to environmental laws and keep HOB O informed as to changes in the Lake Environment
Dan Murchison, Chairman, Mary Sue Olson,
Gordon Beene, Brenda Langston

AUDIT COMMITTEE performs annual check of all H.O.B.O. activities and finances. Jim McCormick, Chairman, Duncan Austin, Gordon Beene

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUND RAISING Jim Woodrow, Chairman

The dead line for your advertisement in the 2001-2002 Lake Mitchell telephone directory is February 15, 2001. If you have not been contacted, and would like to advertise your business, please contact me, or any member of our committee. Full page ads are \$100.; ½ page ad is \$55. And ¼ page ad is \$35.

ENVIRONMENTAL Dan Murchison, Chairman

WETLANDS-OUR LINK BETWEEN LAND & WATER

We are often asked, How's the fishing on Lake Mitchell? Or, Is the water quality good on Lake Mitchell? Or, Are you sure it's safe for our kids to swim here? Or, Can we eat the fish we catch? Our answer usually comes out like "maybe" or "it depends on where", or if you don't eat the fish too often.

Fish are like people. They need pure clean water, lots of food, plenty of oxygen, and a nice clean bed. Many of our streams are clogged with sediments. Fish can't spawn. Hatchlings die. The worms and other bottom dwellers that fish need for food are smothered.

Lake Mitchell is listed on Alabama Dept of Environmental Management's 303-D list of impaired streams as being partially impaired for its intended use as a public water supply, swimming, and fish and wildlife. It is impaired because of organic enrichment, low dissolved oxygen, and nutrients. The major sources of this pollution comes from runoff from storm sewers, dirt roads, construction sites, septic and sewer systems, agriculture and forestry.

Wetlands are our last filtering device before these nutrients enter our streams, lakes and rivers. Wetlands work like the filters on a fish tank. They trap the sediments and pollutants that are washed off the land,

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delivering clean water to streams, lakes and rivers. Wetlands also provide nesting sites, fish hatcheries, and flood control benefits. We Alabamians have destroyed an estimated 50% of our original wetlands.

We will start identifying wetlands on Lake Mitchell with signs where possible and with GPS site codes. We hope to develop a map showing known wetlands so that residents can help preserve and protect those remaining. If you would like to help, please call Dan Murchison at 755-0521.

If you want clean water and better fishing – here is how you can help! If you work in a shop or yard, make sure your company handles waste properly. If you are in construction and disturb the soil, use hay bales as barriers to keep soil from entering the water. If you farm, fence your streams and provide a vegetation buffer along the banks. Know your chemicals and their intended use

At home, don't over apply pesticides and fertilizer. Save your newspapers and soak oil, gasoline, and home chemicals in the paper. Let it dry and discard in your garbage. Don't pour it on the ground

Keep your septic system clean and serviced. Confront your city council and county commission about littered and polluted streams...especially those highly polluted streams in downtown areas. They also need to plan to protect inland wetlands.

Remember: If you dump something upstream, you may catch it downstream.

BULLETIN BOARD

An initial order for the identification boat house signs will be placed March 15th. Please remit your payment as soon as possible to be included. CHILTON RESIDENTS call 911 *from your Lake phone* and tell them it is a non-emergency and you need your 911 address. COOSA RESIDENTS mapping has been completed and your number will be assigned accordingly.

Our deepest sympathy to the Sturges family who recently lost their son Will in a boating accident in Florida.

Trinty Episcopal Church, 503 2nd Ave So, Clanton extends an invitation to join them Sunday mornings at 10:30 am. Services are short, casual, and the people are friendly. For more information, contact Jean Wheatley, Area 3.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Lake Mitchell HOBO
PO Box 1324
Clanton, AL 35046

January 1, 2001 – December 31, 2001.

Annual dues Homeowner \$25.00	Emergency Sign-Member \$7. Non \$20.	Firework Donation \$	Marine 9 Donation \$
Name:			
Mailing Address:			
911 Address:			
E-mail Address:			

MARINE 9 EMERGENCY NUMBER

COOSA COUNTY:

205-755-1120

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CHILTON COUNTY:

911

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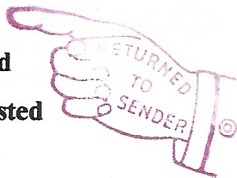
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