

# Lay Lake Home Owners & Boat Association

**AUGUST NEWSLETTER**



## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER** Art Giddens

First I would like to thank all of you that participated in the annual Lay Lake Cleanup, especially the area reps who made sure bags were distributed to everyone and to Waste Management and Veolia Waste Disposal for furnishing the dumpsters for the cleanup. We removed 13.36 TONS of garbage from our lake during this project. The following marina's provided space for the dumpsters: Bozo's Fish Camp, Lacoosa Marina, Lay Port Marina, Okomo Marina and Paradise Point Marina. As always Shelby County was very helpful with the cleanup. Thanks also to the sponsors who donated to our annual gathering at Beeswax Creek Park: Golden Flake chips, Hostess Brands (Merita) buns, and Zeigler hot dogs, cooked on open grills by the Church of Lay Lake. All of this was managed by our very own Judy Jones who was invaluable to this project. If you would like to be an area rep or help out in any way with the cleanup project, contact Judy Jones at 205-669-4865

The other major project of Lay Lake HOBO is our water monitoring program headed by Lynn and Dave Cunningham who train the monitors and have managed the program since 2002. It is a very important part of HOBO and we need additional monitors especially north of Wilsonville and south of Waxahatchee Creek. Lynn and Dave not only train but manage the entire program for our lake. We are looking for a volunteer to help with the management part of the program (Lynn and Dave will continue to do the training). You do not have to be a qualified water monitor for this position. Please contact Lynn at [scunningham5663@yahoo.com](mailto:scunningham5663@yahoo.com) or

## **Please Visit Our Website**

[www.laylakehobo.org](http://www.laylakehobo.org)

## **The speaker at our annual meeting on Oct. 16th will be**

**Diane McKinnon. Biologist Aide with Alabama Marine Resources**

## **Membership Form (.pdf)**

Thank you for supporting Lay Lake HOBO in our ongoing efforts to keep Lay Lake a clean, safe and beautiful environment for all living things. Through all of our hard work we are making a difference!

As you know our membership renewal is in April and dues are due on April

30th. Please renew your membership to continue to receive updates from HOBO. If you have already sent in your renewal, please disregard this reminder. Renewing is easy! Click on the link and it will

**Lay Lake**  
Home Owners & Boat Owners Association

**Membership Application**  
Lay Lake HOBO Association — PO Box 364, Wilsonville, Alabama 36384

Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lake Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (Number): (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Business) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Would someone in your household volunteer to serve on one of our committees or as an Area Representative? \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**20% DISCOUNT**  
HOBO offers a 20% discount for Membership dues prepaid in multiple years:  
1 YEAR \$25 | 2 YEARS \$40 | 3 YEARS \$60 | 5 YEARS \$100

AMOUNT: \$ Membership / # Years + Other Donation = Total Contribution

NOTE: MEMBERSHIP DUES & DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

myself at [artgiddens@yahoo.com](mailto:artgiddens@yahoo.com). The results of our water monitoring program can be viewed at [www.alabamawaterwatch.org](http://www.alabamawaterwatch.org). or just click on the AI Water tab on our HOB0 website and that will take you to Alabama Water Watch..

## Annual Membership Meeting

We will be having our annual LAY LAKE HOB0 meeting this year at a different place. Please make note! It will be Tuesday Oct 16th at the



**Childersburg Recreation Center**  
300 1st Street Southeast  
Childersburg, Al. 35044  
**6:30 pm to 8 pm**

Snacks and drinks will be provided , and our guest speaker will be Diane McKinnon a Biologist Aide with Alabama Marine Resources who will speak on "Alabama Saltwater Resources in the Gulf of Mexico". Join us for a fun night of fellowship and learning about our beautiful lake and gulf resources.

### Birds Along the Coosa River

Ron and Duffy Morrison live on Fowler Lane in Shelby Shores. They have figured out the magic formula for attracting hummingbirds. The critters are buzzing everywhere in the warm months. Duffy says that the hummingbird scouts arrive in mid-March and that the peak numbers are seen in fall migration in mid-September, so get your feeders out now. Bob Sargent in Clay, Alabama is an authority on hummingbirds. He bands and releases the birds. He says that the best hummingbird food is plain sugar water, mixed in a ratio of 4 parts hot water to 1 part (no more !!) sugar, with no dye in the water. If the hummers are not emptying the feeder in 3-4 days, put less in the bottle the next batch. The mixture gets old if left more than 4 days. Hang all your feeders, preferably in clusters. See the website [www.hummingbirdsplus.org](http://www.hummingbirdsplus.org).

David and Judy Blalock, who live on the Waxahatchee, are serious bird watchers. They shared some of their sightings and thoughts about why we see particular birds in certain places..... "Since Lay Lake is not on a major flyway, we do not see large numbers of migratory ducks as found on Joe Wheeler and some other lakes. This may help explain why we have

take you to the form on the HOB0 website. Print the form, fill it out and send it in. Be sure to check out the discount opportunities! **NEW!! Pay Dues Using Pay Pal. Go to [www.laylakehobo.org](http://www.laylakehobo.org) and click on the membership tab. Click on the Pay Pal icon.** Should you have any other questions in regards to your membership or the HOB0 organization, please call Art Giddens at (205) 669-7765. Your assistance and renewal contributions are greatly appreciated. Remember your dues and donations are tax deductible. THE STRENGTH OF LAY LAKE HOME OWNERS & BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION IS IN ITS MEMBERSHIP!

### Eagles Along the Coosa River

Gene and Judy Quick frequently see bald eagles from "Eagle's Point", which they have named their home on Bentley Circle in Shelby Shores. They see adults and immature eagles, sometimes together. They also see various finches and warblers as they pass through. Their hummingbird feeders are kept full, with plenty of takers. Bluebirds nest there every year, and various woodpeckers seem to find plenty to eat there too.



**CHRISTMAS BOAT  
PARADE  
December 8, 2012  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you would like to help or be involved with the Annual Boat Parade please contact

Joe Sullivan at  
[joe@sullivancomm.com](mailto:joe@sullivancomm.com)

so many wood ducks.

Swallows - In early summer it is common to see boat loads of people watching the swallows nesting under bridges.

Eagles - the adults seem to go elsewhere in summer, while the immature birds remain year round.

Water thrush - they like the sand stone rocks near the water's edge. They are common on the south shore of Waxahatchee Creek.

Great Egret - seen mostly in the summer

Great Blue Heron - seen year round

Green Heron - seen in the summer

Little Blue Heron - seen in the summer

Yellow-crowned Night Heron - sometimes seen, but not common

Black-crowned Night Heron - possibly seen in the summer

Wood stork - sometimes seen, but not common

Pied Billed Grebe - seen in winter

Horned Grebe - seen in winter



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