

# THE LACK-A-NEWS

SPRING 2007

## BEACH

It's almost that time again! We're looking forward, as we hope you are, to another fun-filled beach season.

This year promises to be better than ever, with new activities planned, as well as the return of old favorites like the Beach Party and Campout. Look for this year's Calendar of Activities in your Membership packet coming this April.

The LLIC has been hard at work this winter, planning for aggressive weed treatment to address this season's needs. Several engineering firms have been contacted in order to move

forward with a much-needed, large-scale lake remediation plan, including removal of sediment in some parts of the lake. Additionally, chemical weed treatment strategies have been decided on with Allied Biological, our weed treatment contractor of the last three years.

Returning as lifeguards for this season will be Carissa Utter and Adrienne Speranza. Thanks guys! We are still in need of at least 2 more guards, so if you know anyone that might be interested, please contact



Beach Fun 2006

Susan Wise at  
swise23@verizon.net.

Carissa will also be teaching swim lessons this year for the first time! More information regarding scheduling will be available at the beach bulletin board in June.

We can't wait for another terrific season!

## CLUBHOUSE

The Lake Lackawanna Clubhouse is available for members and non-members for all your entertainment needs.

The historic clubhouse is located in a beautiful setting, atop a hill overlooking the Lake Lackawanna Golf Course. The clubhouse features a spacious hall with ceiling fans, knotty-pine paneling and hardwood

floors. A large, fully equipped kitchen is adjacent to the main room. Additional seating is available in the sunny, breezy enclosed porch area, featuring large windows and ceiling fans. Tables and seating are available for up to 100 people.

Past events enjoyed at the clubhouse have included Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Breakfast with

Santa, hosted annually by the Lackawanna Sportsmen.

Rates are as follows:

**Members:** \$200.00

**Non-members:** \$300.00

**Children's parties for members:** \$100.00

For more information or to reserve the clubhouse, contact Rich Gramo at (973) 347-1458 or rgramo@ptd.net.

## UPCOMING!

BARKS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE WILL BE HELD AT WILD WEST CITY ON APRIL 14TH AND 15TH. TO DONATE ITEMS CONTACT LOIS KOCH AT 973-786-5763 . ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE GO TO BENEFIT BARKS OF SUSSEX COUNTY.

THE 2007 LAKE LACKAWANNA **SWIM CLUB** IS LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EXCITING NEW SEASON. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING OUR SWIMMERS AND ENCOURAGE NEW MEMBERS TO TRY IT OUT.

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Lake Lackawanna Golf Course

## GOLF COURSE

MMCJ Enterprises Inc. started their first season at Lake Lackawanna Golf Course in May 2002.

MMCJ Enterprises have only begun to bring the course up to the standards they think you deserve. Our goal is to make your experience here as enjoyable and relaxing as possible. To let the new golfer, or the infrequent come to improve their game without

the pressure or the stress of a larger course. A place where the whole family can come to play together. We hope to see you this season, come and enjoy. Just come and Play.

### WEEKDAY RATES

#### Adults

9 holes -- \$ 13.00/\$11.00  
18 holes -- \$ 16.00/\$14.00

#### Jr./Sr.

9 holes — \$11.00  
18 holes — \$1.00

**\*Sorry, No Sr/Jr Rates On**

### Weekends Or Holidays\*

#### WEEKEND/ HOLIDAY RATES

9 holes -- \$ 16.00  
18 holes -- \$ 20.00

**PULL CARTS - \$ 2.00**

**GAS CARTS - \$5.00**

**\*Per Person Per 9 Holes\***

**CLUB RENTALS - \$5.00**

**\*Every player must have their own clubs and bag (no club sharing)\***

GOT AN IDEA FOR THE LACK-A-NEWS? SEND TO PO BOX 89, STANHOPE, NJ 07869; (973) 691-3063; OR SWISE23@VERIZON.NET

## SALES TAX LAW

The law regarding how New Jersey sales tax is applied to the cost of items and certain services has changed. It increased the sales and use tax rate from 6% to 7%, and it expanded the sales and use tax base by imposing tax on various transactions not previously taxed. The increase in the tax rate became operative July 15, 2006, and the expan-

sion of the sales tax base became operative October 1, 2006. The following items are now taxable at the 7% rate:

### Membership Fees

Initiation fees, membership fees or dues for access to or use of the property or facilities of a health and fitness, athletic, sporting or shopping club or organization in this

State, except for membership in a club or organization whose members are predominantly age 18 or under.

We hope that this law will be repealed before the opening of this years season. For now, however, according to law, all membership, boat fees, and maintenance fees for Lake Lackawanna must be taxed.

## PLEASE HELP!

Would you like to see more fun activities at the beach and clubhouse? Do you have any **ideas** for fun activities at the beach or clubhouse this season? Any **suggestions** for improvements at Lake Lackawanna?

Lake Lackawanna is run entirely by volunteers, with a severely limited budget. These volunteers have full-time jobs, then put in hours of personal time to get a job done that could easily be a full

-time occupation –and is at many lakes. It's time for you to get involved!

If you have time, money, services or talent to offer, please think of how you can put them to use to improve the facilities you enjoy and your community. There will be many planned opportunities coming up for you to offer your help, but please don't wait for us to ask! If there's something you want done, let us know, and we'll

help you get it done!

One of our goals this season is to repair and beautify the dam and walkway that leads from the dam towards the beach. Both the railing and walkway are in need of repair and a fresh coat of paint. For more information on how you can help, please contact Stan Klimek at [stanthemanabc@yahoo.com](mailto:stanthemanabc@yahoo.com) or 973-691-3094. Thanks!



Hard at work during Beach Cleanup Day 2006

## RIPARIAN BUFFERS

Nonpoint source pollution (NPS) is a threat to our lake's water quality. NPS originates from many different sources including fertilizers, herbicides, road salts, and bacteria from septic systems. As part of the Smart Growth study done by Heyer Gruel and Associates for Byram Township, it was recommended that a vegetated buffer be planted along property owners' shorelines. Some of our residents have inquired about what types of plants they should use to do their part in helping to improve our water quality. The following is a list of commonly available native plants that can be used.

### Trees - Overstory

Sugar maple  
 Yellow birch  
 Sweet or Black birch  
 River birch  
 Atlantic white cedar  
 White ash

Green ash  
 Tuliptree  
 Pitch pine  
 White pine  
 Sycamore  
 Swamp white oak  
 Scarlet oak  
 Pin oak  
 Chestnut oak  
 Red oak  
 Black oak  
 Black willow  
 Linden or Basswood  
 Eastern hemlock  
 Slippery elm

### Trees - Understory

Smooth alder  
 Downy juneberry  
 Shadbush  
 Smooth juneberry  
 Gray birch  
 Ironwood  
 Flowering dogwood  
 Witch hazel  
 Red cedar  
 Black gum  
 Nannyberry  
 Possumhaw

Blackhaw

### Shrubs

Red chokeberry  
 Black chokeberry  
 Purple chokeberry  
 Buttonbush  
 Sweet pepperbush  
 Silky dogwood  
 Gray dogwood  
 Round-leaved dogwood  
 Redosier dogwood  
 Winterberry  
 Mountain laurel  
 Spicebush  
 Northern bayberry  
 Rosebay rhododendron  
 Swamp azalea  
 Swamp rose  
 Pussy willow  
 Elderberry  
 Meadowsweet  
 Steeplebush  
 Highbush blueberry  
 Maple-leaved viburnum  
 Witherod  
 Arrowwood



PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE IS AN EXOTIC AND INVASIVE NOXIOUS WEED THAT IS THREATENING NEW JERSEY'S WETLANDS. YOU CAN HELP CONTROL THE PURPLE INVADER BY HAND PULLING PLANTS PRIOR TO SEED PRODUCTION. BE SURE TO COMPLETELY REMOVE THE WHOLE PLANT, ROOTS AND ALL. DRY AND DISPOSE OF THE PLANT MATERIAL AFTER PULLING.

## LAWN CARE AND YOUR LAKE

Lawn areas are often managed using fertilizers and pesticides. Fertilizers contain nutrients that promote the growth of a healthy green lawn, as well as the growth of aquatic algae and weeds as they wash into the lake. Washing into a lake only 1/10 of a pound of fertilizer, formulated with 5% phosphorus, can result in growth of approximately 2.5 pounds of algae. A typical lawn is treated with between 13 and 50 pounds of fertilizer.

Lawn areas near the shoreline of a lake also have a high potential to deliver pesticides to the water. Application of pesticides such as Roundup can result in toxic effects on aquatic organisms like fish, aquatic insects and/or waterfowl. In order to protect your lake from the impacts of fertilizers and pesticides, lakeshore residents should adopt lawn care practices that minimize the potential for export of these chemicals from the lawn to

the lake. Specific recommendations are:

1. Avoid application of fertilizers or pesticides near the shoreline
2. Avoid application of fertilizers or pesticides before a rainstorm
3. Avoid over-application of fertilizers.
4. Avoid application of fertilizers during the summer (lawns really only need one application in the fall or spring).