



Message from the Executive Director:

The 2006 lake season is finally here and your West Point Lake Coalition is finishing up two important projects:

1. There will be 25 sites on the lake where we have sunk artificial habitat made from recycled PVC pipe. These habitat pieces have been proven to attract and hold fish. There will be pass outs at both Highland and Southern Harbor Marinas giving the GPS locations; and when budgeting permits, the Army Corps of Engineers will mark these sites with fish locator buoys. It is our sincere hope that the habitat project will help you catch more fish and add to your overall enjoyment of our lake.
2. The buoy solar lights are in the process of being installed as you read this. All main channel and junction buoys will be lit up at night from the dam all the way up the lake to Ringer access. Thanks to the WPLC, our lake is the first Corps of Engineers lake in the country to have solar buoy lights installed. The lake will now be a much safer lake at night and everyone should be much more comfortable operating a boat on the lake after dark!

Both the above projects will be completed and operational by May 15, 2006.

As a reminder, to reduce administrative workload on your “all volunteer” Board of Directors, we made all memberships fit the calendar year, specifically from January thru December. Only a relatively small number of members have renewed their memberships due to this change and confusion.

IF YOU HAVE NOT MAILED YOUR 2006 MEMBERSHIP DUES, PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY!

The habitat and solar light projects together costs your WPLC approximately \$25,000.00. Our treasury cupboard is nearly bare and we rely totally on membership dues and corporate sponsor donations for our operating capitol.

At the very least, please mail your \$25.00 membership dues today; if possible, please send your \$25.00 plus some so we can continue to make West Point Lake a better and more enjoyable lake benefiting all those who visit. Remember, it’s all tax deductible.

See you on the lake
Dick

3rd ANNUAL TOUR De LAKE

Your West Point Lake Coalition is gearing up for the 3rd annual Tour de Lake Bicycle Ride which will start at Earl Cook Park on May 13, 2006. This year the ride will include an additional route of 70 miles. Information on this event can be found on our website at:
www.westpointlakecoalition.org.

Come out and support the Coalition for this great ride which showcases our beautiful lake and surrounding countryside.

Volunteers are needed for this event. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office at (706) 884-5916.



MEMBERSHIPS

The West Point Lake Coalition, Inc. is committed to building a large support base for the protection of the lake. Please continue to renew your memberships as we are a non-profit organization and totally dependent on our memberships and corporate sponsors to support our efforts to protect the lake. If you know of anyone who would be interested in becoming a member or a corporate sponsor, please have them contact our office at (706) 884-5916.

2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 25, 2006– Spring Habitat Bass Tournament - Highland Marina

May 13, 2006– 3rd Annual Tour de Lake Earl Cook Park

June 17, 2006- Poker Run
Highland Marina and Southern Harbor Marina

August 19, 2006– Poker Run
Sponsored by Highland Marina, event begins and ends at Highland Marina

October 7, 2006– Annual Lake Clean-up

October 21, 2006– Fall Bass Tournament
Highland Marina

November 14, 2006– Annual Meeting

POKER RUN (BOATS)

The first Poker Run of 2006 will start at Highland Marina on June 17, 2006. Information for this event can be found on our website at:

www.westpointlakecoalition.org

We are taking donations of prizes or monetary donations for the Poker Run. This event is a major fund raiser for the Coalition. If you would like to make a donation for this great event, please call our office at (706)884-5916.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 17TH
AND JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY ON THE
LAKE!**

**RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP TODAY!**

SPRING HABITAT TOURNAMENT RESULTS



1st Place & Big Fish
Ricky Thrift &
Brent Wilson

3rd Place
Chuck and Jonathan
Dalton



Once again, the annual Spring Habitat Bass Tournament was held at Highland Marina on March 25, 2006. First place winners along with big fish (7 lbs. 11 oz.) were Ricky Thrift and Brent Wilson. Second place went to Hobart McLendon and J.L. McDonald and third place went to Chuck and Jonathan Dalton.

Your WPLC sincerely thanks all the fishermen who braved the winds and chill that day to support the Coalition's efforts. The proceeds from the event will be used entirely to purchase habitat for the lake.

NEWS FROM THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS

The West Point Project Management Office will be the scene of a Personal Watercraft and Boating Safety Course on April 18, 2006 from 6:30-9:30 PM. Representatives from the U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers as well as the Georgia Department of National Resources will conduct the course which will include legal requirements, preventing personal watercraft and boating accidents and new boating laws.

If you are interested in participating in this event, please phone the local management office at **(706) 645-2937**.

For additional information on upcoming activities on the lake, please view the Corps website at:

www.westpoint.sam.usace.army.mil

**National Safe Boating Week
May 20-26**

See You On the Lake!