

Happy Holidays FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMANS OF THE COMMITTEES.

Officers Elected 2007/2008

OFFICERS

Christopher German – *President*
860-429-1199
Term expires 2008

Jay Schroeder – *Vice President*
860-487-3564
Term Expires 2008

Laurie Layton – *Secretary*
860-429-2417
Term expires 2008

Mary Michaud – *Treasurer*
860-429-7227
Term expires 2008

DIRECTORS

Steve Donnell
Term Expires 2009
860-916-3151

Sandra Moquin
Term Expires 2010
860-487-3619

Thomas Martin
Term Expires 2009
860-487-3599

Robert Layton
860-487-2417
Term Expires 2008

Jerry Dufresne
Term Expires 2010
860-487-3590

Dianna Murray
Term expires 2008
860-429-4593

ALTERNATES

Deborah Coulombe
Term expires 2008
860-487-3595

Eugenie Bagley
Term expires 2008
860-487-4203

Ronald LaMonica
Term expires 2008
860-617-5298

The Board of Directors meet on the 2nd Wednesday night of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Chaffee Hall. Public is welcome

PARKING

All of the roads at Lake Chaffee are classified as fire lanes by the Ashford Fire Marshall and as such, there is **NO PARKING AT ANY TIME** on them. Such vehicles are subject to towing and the owner is responsible for charges and fines. There is also an ordinance prohibiting parking on LCIA roads. Parking on our roads makes it impossible to plow snow and for emergency vehicles to get to a fire or medical emergency. Please have consideration for the great people who provide us with oil deliveries, fire protection and ambulance service. Thank you,

*Jerry Dufresne
Road Chairman /Constable*

President's Corner

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Fellow Association Members,

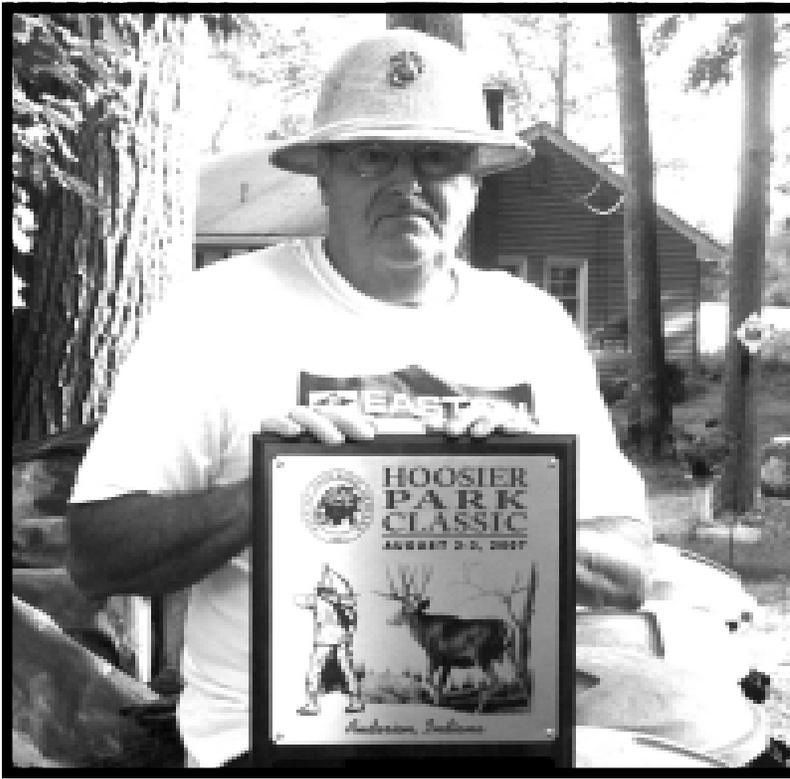
First and foremost, THANK YOU! Not only for your support in the election but for your enthusiasm and vision for the future of Lake Chaffee. The results of this latest election show you have spoken your mind and believe as I do, that the time for change is now!

As we enjoyed the second half of the summer of '07, you will see that your support was well founded and I am working feverishly to show you some real results by the next general meeting on August 19. Our first plans are to ensure that the transfer of power goes smoothly and that all of the newly elected officials come up to speed as quickly as possible. The former board has been incredibly helpful in this respect and I want to publicly thank them for their cooperation. There is a huge task ahead of this Association and I hope I am not speaking out of turn when I tell you that the Board has heard you loud and clear and we are looking to tackle each issue head on!

For now though, I hope you enjoyed those warm summer days with your family, friends and neighbors because the leaves are falling and the snow will fly. And when you were basking in the rays with that ice cold beverage in hand, I hope that you did somebrain storming on how we can improve our community together so that this time next year we see a world of difference here at the lake! And, if your leisurely evening walk brings you by 17 Lake View Dr., please feel free to stop by and say hello as I hope to meet and speak with you very soon. You can also catch me via email at chris.german@gmail.com or by cell at 617-838-6881.

Thank you again for your vote of confidence and I look forward to serving both you and your family faithfully in the upcoming year.

Respectfully Yours, Captain Christopher R. German



Lake Chaffee's Eagle Eye Takes First in National Championship

photo taken by Chris German



written by Chris German

Aug 3, 2007 – Anderson, Indiana

It was a shot that even William Tell would have been impressed by that won John Boutin of Maple Drive top honors at the International Bow Hunters Organizational Championship last Friday. Boutin, a long time resident of Lake Chaffee and veteran bow hunter, set out with cross bow in hand in the first week of August to compete against more than 17,500 bow hunters from around the world and returned home with first place in the amateur cross bow division. Boutin, modest about his victory, says, "It's really not that big of a deal because I wasn't shooting in the pro division. If I could have shot for the pros I would have come home with money." Boutin was not allowed to shoot in the pro championship due to qualification rules but vows to take gold next year when he competes. "I am going to get that gold buckle when I shoot next year... it's just like the ones the bull riders wear," says Boutin, "The money's not all that much but it's the buckle that everyone is shooting for." *So congrats John on a solid victory and LCIA is proud to have their very own Robin Hood living on our shores!*

Delinquent Taxes

LCIA is in the process of collecting delinquent taxes. If you are in arrears under 2 years, please remit past due amounts to Mary Michaud, P.O. Box 231, Ashford, CT 06278-0231, (860) 487-7227. ■

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor are welcome. Letters must be signed and include an address and daytime phone number. The Board of Directors reserve the right to edit the letters for length and content. The Board of Directors also reserves the right to withhold publication of letters.



State Boating Regulations

- Anyone 12 and over using an electric motor needs a boating license from the State of Connecticut. **NOTE: you boat needs to be registered.**
- Life jackets **MUST BE WORN** in all boats including canoes, row boats and paddle boats until May 31st. Thereafter, they must be in the boat/vessel with an appropriate life jacket size for each person plus one floatable device.
- THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEP will be conducting sporadic boat checks and inspections this summer.
- Anyone over the age of 16 must have a fishing license. Age 65 and over are free. Check with your town clerk.

Minutes

How to obtain monthly meeting minutes off the website:

- Go online and key in www.lakechaffee.org in your search engine.
- Click on archives tab up top of screen.
- Click on meeting minutes (minutes go as far back as 2001).





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Hall Kitchen

The health inspector has made some suggestions on bringing our kitchen up to health codes by order of our new president, Chris German.

Volunteers have come forward to help with this project as the revenue from the kitchen has been depleted and we need to get the kitchen up and running as soon as possible. I am working with the health inspector; I am awaiting his permit so we can obtain the town permit. We will try to make this transition as easy as possible on everyone. ■

Dear Lake Chaffee Residents;

Mr. Dan Rackliffe, one of our residents, has called my attention to a non-aquatic invasive plant species, the Purple Loosestrife which has become a problem around the lake. This noxious weed is not native to our country. The plant is banned in Connecticut and must be eradicated if found on your land.

Purple Loosestrife is a tall plant resembling the Hollyhock. The pink to purple flowers grow close to the tall spiky stalk which may be branched. This plant is a perennial, prodigious seed producer and the millions of tiny seeds can be carried on the water, boats or wind. The roots of the Purple Loosestrife must be destroyed and the DEP recommends burning the plants if possible. If burning is not possible, the flower tops should be cut, bagged and disposed of at the transfer station. The remaining roots and plant clumps should be dug up and disposed of as described above.

Mr. Rackliffe enclosed print outs of pages he obtained from the <http://udsa.gov> website. I strongly recommend logging on to that web site if possible to view the pictures of the plant. Select the NCRS (National Resources Conservation Service) and click "Plant Database."

I would like to thank Mr. Rackliffe for providing this valuable information to us. It takes the whole community to do the best surveillance of our beautiful lake eco-system. Please feel free to call with observations or questions. If I don't have the answer, I will do my best to find the information for you.

Many Thanks, Diana Murray, Environmental Chairperson

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PARKING AT CHAFFEE HALL

Guest parking at Chaffee Hall has always been permitted for residents of Lake Chaffee except when bingo is in progress. Would you please have your guests and yourselves refrain from parking at Chaffee Hall from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Thank you for your cooperation.

LOWERING OF THE LAKE

The dam has been opened. You should be able to get to your shorelines to clean. Please take advantage of this lowering to clean your areas. This year the Main Beach is going to be dredged and new sand put down under the water level.

Bingo

We have been having good crowds recently at bingo. Bingo still needs volunteers. It only takes one night of training to work on the floor and in the kitchen. See if you can spare a few hours to help or come down and play. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Even though the kitchen is closed for cooking we still need the volunteers to handle the sale of the rest of the items until bingo starts. Call Jack Pirzl at 487-3736 if interested in working.

NOISE

Please tell your contractors that are working on your property that they should not start their work before 8:00 a.m. in the morning and they must stop their work by 10:00 p.m. at night. **This would also include homeowners doing renovation work, mowing lawns, chain saws, etc.**

2007 BAZAAR REPORT

The 2007 Bazaar was a huge success! There were 1,801 tickets sold for the raffle. The following is the account for the bazaar.

Kitchen	\$ 85.00
Raffle	1,801.00
Bake Sale	142.00
Table Rentals	55.00
Total Income	\$2,083.00

Raffle prizes	\$ 497.49
Raffle Permit	20.00
Raffle Tickets (printed)	159.00
Total Expenses	\$ 676.49

Net Profit was \$1,406.51

Laura Koropatkin sold the sweatshirts and took in \$170.00 which will go in the fundraising line item. There are 2 more people to purchase sweatshirts to make the total.

1st prize —
2nd prize —
3rd prize —

I wish to thank all who helped with the bazaar, especially all who sold tickets. **A JOB WELL DONE!** Hopefully we can do as good next year. A special thank you to Jay Schroeder for putting the stainless steel table together at the last minute so we could have the kitchen open for the day under a one-day permit.

Kay M. Warren, Chairman



Photo taken by Bob Layton

Jack Pirzl

**YOUR NEIGHBOR!
YOUR FRIEND!**

**MY NEIGHBOR!
MY FRIEND!**

by Kay M. Warren

When it comes to bingo Jack Pirzl is an icon. This is when he is the happiest.

Bingo was started in 1977 here at the Lake but Jack started calling the Lake Chaffee bingo in 1984—the year he became treasurer of the Lake Chaffee Improvement Association, Inc.

In 1948 Jack was presented a Good Citizen Award by the East Hartford VFW for being instrumental in helping to bring back the VFW to its full standards as of today. (see photo lower right) Jack was 16 years old. “This is where I learned the bingo trade,” said Jack.

Jack graduated East Hartford High School in 1949 and that fall entered Northeastern University and graduated five years later in 1954 with a BS degree in Civil Engineering.

Upon graduation from college he entered the Army Artillery Service until December, 1956. After serving six years in the Army reserves he was honorably discharged in 1962.

In 1963 he married his longtime and devoted friend, Elizabeth Zelek. Liz died in 1995 after 32 years of marriage.

After the service he worked at Loomis & Sullivan, a land surveying company; then after there he went to work for the New York/New Haven Railroad in Hartford. He started to work for Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford when the railroad closed its Hartford office and went to New Haven. Jack retired as a test cell engineer in 1985.

Jack had two different pin numbers for calling bingo. He also volunteered his time at the St. Philip’s bingo where he started calling in 1977 and he called almost every week until April, 2007 when St. Philip closed their bingo.

In 1997 Jack was honored by the members of Lake Chaffee when the inside of the hall was dedicated to Jack for the many years of exemplary service that he gave to Lake Chaffee. He would

not allow the outside of the hall to be named after him because he knew that the hall belonged to all the members of the Lake Chaffee Association.

Jack is a modest man. He never asks for much but he gives out much.

He was treasurer for Lake Chaffee for 23 years. In that time there never was anything wrong with his books and he was bonded every year of his service.

“Jack’s books were right to the penny. His books were perfect,” said Mary Michaud, the elected treasurer as of July 15, 2007. “He has helped me tremendously in my transition to treasurer,” stated Mary.

You can stand outside Chaffee Hall every Saturday night and hear Jack calling bingo.

Jack never kept his honorarium—he donated it back to LCIA.

His hobbies are bowling, calling bingo, and playing cards.

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“Just trying to see if you were awake,” as Jack would say.

For 18 years Jack and I created and maintained mailing lists and property information for the Association. It wasn’t an easy job, Jack did the research every week, and I maintained the database. We served together on the lake Board of Directors and Charter Commissions, worked together on lake water management processes, helped neighbors in times of need and shared a friendship. I can’t say enough about Jack’s kindness, compassion, thorough checking and recording of property data, his careful handling of association income, expenditures and assets in general. As Boards changed every year or two, Jack has always been the consistent Board member the town could send people to for answers; and people all over town know and deeply respect him. His contribution to Lake Chaffee and the Town of Ashford over all these years is unmatched. I am extremely proud to say that I worked with him for so long on such a regular basis.

— Anita Kersten
former member of LCIA

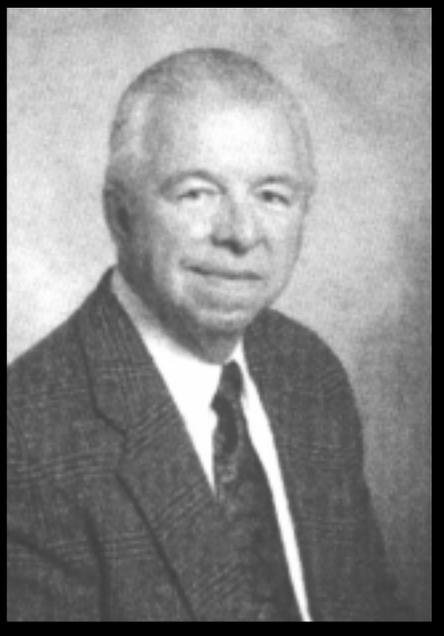
“He has been an asset to this Association and continues to show his commitment to LCIA with his continued efforts to make BINGO enjoyable and successful. I look forward to learning about the inner workings of LCIA from his vast experience and have enjoyed getting to know him.”

—LCIA
President
Chris German.



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Henry "Hank" Banville

Congratulations to Hank Banville

for his recent publication of

Your Personal Math Tutor

An Engineer Looks at Math

Your Personal Math Tutor is a supplement to textbooks on Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus, with aids for students preparing for the SAT exam, all in one book which can be passed on to siblings. There's no need to buy several books that each cover one topic.

Contrary to methods presented in textbooks he shows how to factor trinomials by inspection and investigation, rather than "trial by error." Who would want to be the pilot of an experimental airplane designed by trial and error?

Since his retirement as a mechanical engineer, Hank has given his Magic in Math presentation to over 4,000 students in grades 5 through 8. "It thrills me when I can get a 5th grader to square 105 without using a calculator or piece of paper," he says.

Hank lives here at the Lake in the summer. His winter home is in Monroe, CT.

He has given our newsletter math problems in the past and he hopes that you have enjoyed them.

