

Officer's Letters / Club News

President's Letter



I have been ready to write this, my final item for the newsletter, since I reluctantly took over as president of the club last summer. Now that the time is finally here, I am not as thrilled to be done as I originally expected. Bittersweet would be a more accurate description of my feelings.

During the last ten months, we have had our share of challenges – experienced some controversy and mourned some good members who have journeyed to the great beyond.

However, we have a lot of which to be proud. We've shattered the proverbial glass ceiling of having a woman in charge of the club (although that was never a goal of mine – I'm pleased to have been a part of that). We had successful events – **Chicken Fry, Spooner,** and **Ribfest**. Additionally, the success of our bocce ball league seems to have inspired several other lake clubs.

The club as a whole is truly bonding again. The atmosphere is positive and good things are happening

– Queen of Hearts drawings, fish fries, Fifth Fridays, soldier mailings, food service, etc. Our income from the machines is picking up as well.

I know this may be “politically incorrect” to acknowledge, but it is no secret that there are a number of members that were less than thrilled to have to accept female members. I wondered how they would be with a woman in charge. I am thrilled to attest that if anyone was unhappy, it NEVER got back to me.

On the contrary, I received countless positive comments of support, even during my occasional missteps. I will be eternally grateful for that. My responsibilities were easier to fulfill due to the dedication and capabilities of the other officers and the committee chairs – truly a (unique) group of fabulous people. Despite my misgivings about accepting the position, I have genuinely enjoyed serving the club in this capacity thanks to YOU – the members of the best club on the lake!

~Amy R.

Dues & Fees



Please remember, Anchor Boat Club dues and fees are due before the April Membership Meeting (which is **April 4th**).

You can drop your dues and fees off at the club. Please place your payment in an envelope marked with your

name and the amount. To make things easier, please specify what fees are you paying towards.



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Membership Chairman's Letter

Hello members!!!

Wow!!!

Although I may have bombarded a bunch of you with reminders, I'm happy to report that there are less than 20 members whom still need to complete hours, and most of them only need a few hours.



Because there are 2 Fish Frys after the close of our year April 4th, on April 7th and 14th, member are going to be allowed to work those Fish Frys and put those hours towards 2016 or 2017. If you have any difficulty entering hours do let me know, and I can assist with making it right.

More fantastic news...



Almost 25% of members have already paid their dues and fees, and I know as of this writing there are several checks in the safe. April 4th is the deadline for dues, please do you best to get them paid as soon as possible. Remember there is a \$25

reinstatement fee for late dues. If you are not going to be able to get your dues and fees in on time, please contact me and we can try to make an arrangement that is best for all.

Finally, apologies for any mix-ups or confusion surrounding hours or dues collections, I'm fairly certain most issues have been resolved. If there still are any issues you can contact Vice President Tim Strutz, or our President Randy Milligan or myself.

Here's to another great year at the Anchor!!!

Remember to be nice to the mermaids... sometimes it pays off.

Jim C.
Membership Chairman
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P.S. Double Top Secret Surprise in the works...stay tuned.

Operation Payback

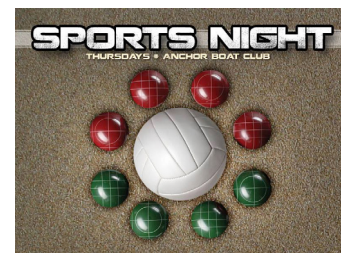


In March, we packed and sent another 14 boxes to soldiers in Afghanistan.

Next packing date is May 16 at 6pm – a reminder will be sent closer to that time.

We have been making desserts for the Fish Frys so if anyone is interested in helping out with, it would be greatly appreciated. There are two Fridays left, April 6 and 13. Please let me know if you can bring desserts for either of these nights.

In May, we are going to try food service for Bocce on Thursday nights – definitely will need help with that so let me know if you can cook, serve or clean up on any one of those evening beginning May 18.



Thanks again for all the help!

~ Mary R.

Club News

Easter Party

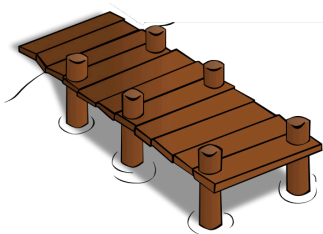


egg hunt, and lunch.

The Children's Easter party is expected to be held on April 8th.

Special thanks to Michelle Maggiore for chairing the event. The morning will consist of face painting, art and crafts, a visit and photos with the Easter bunny followed by an

Docks for Sale!!!



Altmix for more information.

If you haven't heard, there are several docks up for sale here at the Anchor Boat Club.

If you are an interested party, please contact Steve

NCAA March Madness

The Final Four for March Madness is approaching!!



than watching with friends. Feel free to bring out some treats to share with others.

Hope to see you there!

We have lots of television to catch all the action! Come on out to the club and cheer on your favorite team or be witness to some nerve-wracking upsets.

Organize a viewing party! Nothing better

Updated Alert System



The alert system Anchor Boat Club uses to push messages out to officers, chairpersons, and members has been recently updated to allow for more added functionality and managerial tools.

If you are experiencing issues with the Alert system, please contact Jeremy Maggiore. If you would like to subscribe to the Alert system and receive SMS text and/or email message, please contact Jim Cannamela.

Campground Party



On the 1st Saturday in May (i.e. May 6th), the Anchor Boat Club Campgrounds are organizing a party and inviting members out to come partake.

For more information, please contact SJ Martin.

Foolin' Around the Lake

On the 1st Saturday in May (i.e. May 6th), the Lake Association is hosting a "Fooling Around the Lake" inviting club members to check out various Lake Clubs. More information coming next month.

Just a Reminder...

When you are visiting the Club, please remember it's **everyone's responsibility** to make sure the kitchen area is kept clean; floors are swept; tables and chairs are clean and stowed, beer coolers are stocked, and the lights turned off / **all doors closed & locked at closing time**. If you notice something out of order, please make sure to report it ASAP.

Member Information

Birthdays

04/06	Jeff Ross
04/08	John (Pete) Endres
04/13	Rich Marsaglia
04/14	Chris Wilson
04/15	Jason Hamann
04/17	Harold Sturm Jr.
04/18	Diane Osman
04/19	Jeffrey Nemecek
04/22	Philip Steele
	Grant Barksdale
04/23	Jeremy Maggiore
04/25	Guy Nelson
	Patrice Jones
04/28	Tammy Hovey



* = Auxiliary

Anniversaries

04/02	Jason & Jennifer Hamann
04/05	Dan & Danielle Farris
	Todd & Rana May
04/14	George & Lisa Conley
04/16	Robert & Katie Patsche
04/17	Michael & Michelle Covey
04/18	Jeffrey & Brenda Jones
04/23	Peter & Carolyn Harris



Please note: Members are responsible for supplying accurate information regarding birthdays/anniversaries to the Membership Chair. If you need to make updates/changes, please contact Jim Cannamela at your earliest convenience.

Members

We have no new members for the month of April.

We had also two members off probation during April: **Brian Fairchild** and **Ed Hedge**. Congratulations!

Kyle Martin is being reinstated back to active member status. Welcome back!

Please remember to enter all work hours as soon as possible to ensure accurate reporting. All members who donate their valuable time should be recognized for their efforts whether you are active, probationary, or honorary. These efforts help keep our club running for all of our members to enjoy.

~Jim C., Membership Chair

OFFICERS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President	Amy Reynolds
Vice-President	Mike Covey
Financial Secretary	John Hawkins
Treasurer	Jim Copp
Recording Secretary	Tammy Hovey
Sargeant At Arms	Zach Spraezt
Board of Governors	Tom Madonia Jr.
	Jeff Jones
	Jeremy Maggiore
	William Suiter Jr.
Bar	Jeff Ross
Building	Mike Broglin
Campground	SJ Martin
Chicken Fry	Joe Teer Jr.
Dock	Steve (Mix) Altmix
Entertainment	Norman Reeves Jr.
Fish Fry	Devin Phillips
Grounds	Ray Larson
Kitchen	Logan Clayton / Brett Isenburg
Lake Council	John Finnell / Chuck Finnell
Membership	Jim Cannamela
Newsletter	Gary Bach
Purchaser	Grant Bradley
BBQ Ribfest	Rich Marsaglia
Spooner Tournament	Ken Tuebner / John Finnell

Calendars

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			01	02	03 Fish Fry Queen of Hearts Drawing	01
02	03	04 Membership Meeting	05	06	07 Fish Fry Queen of Hearts Drawing	08 Children's Easter Party
09	10	11	12	13	14 Fish Fry Queen of Hearts Drawing	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24	25 Officers Meeting	26	27	28 5th Friday Party	29





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