



ANCHOR BOAT CLUB
December 2021 Edition

Officer's Letters / Club News

Queen of Hearts Drawings

Don't forget, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month, the Anchor Boat Club is having their Queen of Hearts Drawings.



Just remember drawings are also open to the public! Tickets can be purchased before the 8PM drawing that evening. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Finnell at your earliest convenience.

The swimming area was actually quite busy. On most sunny weekday afternoons there were always 10 to 15 kids swimming. Even more on the weekends. Of course there were no lifeguards but a group of mothers would sit in chairs in the shade near where our deck is now. The land was tiered off and a bunch of metal chairs were moved in and out of the sun as the ladies decided if having a tan was more important than cooling off.

Anchor was a lot stricter on their guest policy back then also. You could not have more than two families with you on any given day. No other guests. And every guest we brought onto the grounds had to be recorded each day in the guest log-book in the clubhouse. It seems like something more likely in this day and age of insurance concerns and litigation.

There were showers in the basement that were pretty nasty and seldom used. They are now utilized as storage for the club. A set of steps went up the back of clubhouse leading to a small porch with a service window that opened to the back of the old bar. You could ring a bell and if you were lucky someone at the bar would come and sell you a soda.

This was better than the alternative... walking into the clubhouse as child was a little intimidating. God forbid you happened to have a wet swimming suit and would drip a little. I was probably 20 years old before I stopped being scared of Joe Teer Sr. and Joe Krebs!

When I moved from being a son of a member to a member, one of my first jobs was to take water samples from the swimming area. Samples were then delivered to Memorial Hospital's labs. Results were sent out the next week. But by this time, people were not using the beach much anymore. A few years later (I believe it was 2002) the Leptospirosis threat came to the lake and that pretty much sealed the fate of the swimming area.

Anchor's swimming area was a great place to grow up.

The "Old Swimming Hole"

Thanks for the comments on last month's article on the greatest Anchor boats. A few members have asked me to write a little more on Anchor's history, at least my recollection of it. So this month I thought I would talk about the Anchor swimming area.



First of all, yes, Anchor had a swimming area! It was the cove between us and Sangamo Surf. A forty-foot dock ran along our side with a ladder on each end. There was a sandy beach with a retaining wall around it (you can still see some of that wall). There was a floating dock that was usually completely covered with duck droppings. In my younger days we did not have a goose problem but did have an overabundance of ducks. And the pride of the swimming area was a great diving board. It was aluminum and built to last. It was particularly effective for those of us with a little extra weight.

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In the days when a lot of mothers did not work outside the home, not everyone had air conditioning, and few homes had pools, it was the place to be. Thanks to my mom for packing up the station wagon and taking us all swimming!

John Finnell

Sunday Football

It's football season!!! Come on out to the club and take advantage of reduced drink prices. \$1.25 beers | \$2.50 mixed drinks.



Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 11th starting at 9:00am.



Santa will arrive about 10:30am. Please bring a wrapped gift with your child's name on it. As usual, this event is for members and their family only and not the general public.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there! Come on out and see how great the club is decorated (thanks to Bradley Marbold and the Teer grandkids).

Frozen Open 2022

The Frozen Open is slated for January 8th, 2022!

More information to come but as always looking for volunteers to help out. Check out the Sign-up sheet at the club!!



Birthdays

12/03	Steve Buckman	12/23	Josh Hamlin
12/06	Mac Broglin	12/27	Josh Bales
12/07	Amy Reynolds	12/28	Ryan Amerson
12/11	Paul Bahlow	12/30	John Rosa
12/12	William Evans		Tim Strutz
	Ray Larson	12/31	Mike Broglin
12/13	Chris Crum		
	William (Bill) Riggs		
12/20	John Finnell		
12/21	Brent Daily		
	Shaun Harness		



Anniversaries

12/14	Chris & Stephanie Wilson
12/17	Bob & Deb Mc Grath
	David & Tracy Moore
12/18	Josh & Marie Bales
12/20	William & Jennifer Suiter

Looking for New Members

Always happy to see some fresh faces around the ABC!

If you know anyone who may be interested in joining the Club, be sure to have them contact our Membership Chair Matt Ziedler to learn more.

Members



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.


~ Matt Ziedler, Membership Chair

OFFICERS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President	Tim Strutz
Vice-President	Brett Tackett
Financial Secretary	John Hawkins
Treasurer	Eric Staley
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	Terri Smith
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	Ed Hedge
Kitchen	Mike Covey
Lake Council	John Finnell / Chuck Finnell
Membership	Matt Ziedler
Newsletter	Gary Bach
Purchaser	Grant Bradley
Fall Festival	SJ Martin / Tim Strutz
Spooner Tournament	Mark Houston

Calendars

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			01	02	03	04
05	06	07 Membership Meeting	08	09	10 Queen of Hearts Drawing	11 Breakfast with Santa
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 
26	27	28 Officers Meeting	29	30	31	





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