



ANCHOR BOAT CLUB

December 2023 Edition

Officer's Letters / Club News

President's Random Thoughts



We are almost through the year. I hope everyone was able to have an enjoyable Thanksgiving. Speaking of giving thanks, I would like to thank all the members for their contributions to the club this past year. Without

you, we could not make this best top club on the lake.

With that said, I would like to thank the Laura and Henry Marbold for hosting the past 3 weeks of high school playoff football at the club. It was fun to come out and enjoy some cold drinks with members and their friends while watching good football games. Congrats to Athens Chatham, SHG and Rochester for their run through the playoffs!!!

I would also like to thank those that showed up for Grounds cleanup. The members that showed up did a great job of cleaning up the club grounds. Thanks to John Finnell, Jason Smith, Terri Smith, SJ Martin, Josh Hamlin and Silas Chandra for all of your hardwork. The grounds look great.

In December, we have several events at the club. The events are as follows:

- **December 8th** at 8pm - Queen of Hearts Drawing. – Pot is over \$15,000
- **December 9th** – Breakfast with Santa. – see article in newsletter
- **December 17th** – Anchor Chili Cookoff - see flyer in newsletter
- **December 22nd** at 8 pm – Queen of Hearts
- **December 31st** – New Year Eve's party –

Tickets go on sale Dec. 8th. See article in this month's newsletter or contact John Finnell for more info.

Also a reminder, we have the Frozen Open on **January 13th**, Indoor Bags Tournament on **January 27th** and Dinner Theater on **February 9th and 10th**.

The Lenten season is a couple of months away. That usually coincides with Fish Fries. However, we are in need of a chairperson or chair people to run the Fish Fries. The previous chair people are not able to run it this coming year due to their work schedules. If you are interested in running the Fish Fries, please contact me at 217-725-4375. If we do not get someone to run the Fish Fries, we will have them.

As mentioned last month, we are starting to review the database for members' work hours. We still have many members that need to input their hours into the system. Please try to get out to the club within the next 30 days to get your hours entered in the computer. Starting in January, members that do not have all their hours worked, will get a notice informing them of need to get their hours.

Finally, the deck project will be starting ahead of schedule. The deck is scheduled to be tore off starting the first week in December and hopefully we will have the new deck installed by the end of this year. Thanks to Sam Cooper for getting this scheduled.

As always, let's keep on improving and growing our club to make it the best club on the lake. Remember it is your club, please come out and enjoy it.

Fish Fries Chairperson

If there are any members who are interested in serving as the Fish Fries Chairperson for the 2024 season, please contact Mike Covey at your earliest convenience.

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ABC Bylaws Change Proposal

ARTICLE III-ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1. An applicant shall be deemed eligible for membership in the Club provided the applicant:

- A. Is a citizen of the United States of America;
- B. Has attained the age of twenty-one and is of moral and sound character;
- C. Has signed and submitted an application and pledge on the form approved by the Membership;
- D. Has obtained the endorsement and sponsorship of two members in good standing on said application;
- E. Is reached on the waiting list in time to be notified and submitted to the Membership Committee for a vote of acceptance as a probationary member, with the exception for a daughter, son, daughter-in-law or son-in-law of a member in good standing;
- F. Receives an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the quorum present at the regular monthly meeting of the Club occurring after the required probationary period;
- G. Has paid the initiation fee and the dues in advance.

SECTION 2. A daughter or son of a member in good standing for one year or more shall be deemed eligible for membership in the club provided :

- A. Is a citizen of the United States of America;
- B. Upon attaining her or his twenty-first birthday and within thirty days after attaining her or his twenty-fifth birthday, sign and submit an application and pledge on the form approved by the Membership;
- C. Has paid the initiation fees and annual dues in advance;
- D. Exceptions to this Section of the By-Laws may be made in the event of the death of a member in good standing. In such case the daughter or son of a deceased member may upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval by the membership be accepted to active membership. Such daughter or son shall be between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-five and only after all yearly dues and assessments, if any, are paid.

SECTION 3. A daughter-in-law or son-in-law of a member in good standing for one year or more shall be deemed eligible for membership in the Club provided :

- A. Is a citizen of the United States of America;
- B. Is married and cohabitating as husband and wife with the daughter or son of a member in good standing;
- C. Has within one hundred and eighty days after the date of such marriage, signed and submitted an application and pledge on the form approved by the Membership;
- D. Has paid the initiation fees and annual dues in advance.

SECTION 4. Exceptions to this Article of the By-laws may be made in the event of the death of a member in good standing.

In such case the spouse of such deceased member may upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval of the membership assume such deceased member's membership. Such spouse must first meet the membership eligibility standards of Section 1. A, B and C of Article III of these By-Laws. Such spouse's membership status under Section 7 or 8 of Article IV of these By-Laws shall be the same status as the deceased members.

SECTION 5. A spouse is defined as a husband or wife of an active member and shall be:

- A. Permitted entry to club during operating hours without such active member being present.
- B. Permitted to have a key to the club, subject to potential charge to have key or entry card cut or programmed.
- C. Permitted to volunteer at club events for work hours. Such work hours may be credited to such active member's account.
- D. Permitted to bartend and operate cash register.
- E. Subject to all rules of conduct in accordance with Section 10 of Article IX of the Anchor Boat Club bylaws.
- F. Not permitted to attend officer or member meetings, nor vote on club matters during such meetings.

UPDATE: By-laws Change overwhelmingly APPROVED during the December Membership Meeting

New Year's Eve Party at ABC

Come out to the Club to say goodbye to 2023 and ring in the new year! Seating limited to 48-60 people! We start the evening with a lasagna dinner starting at 7:00pm. Dinner will include lasagna, salad, bread, and dessert. Tickets will be on sale at the bar beginning Friday, December 8th. If we do not sell out to Anchor members by December 20th, we will open tickets up to your friends.



At 9:00pm, we will open the club to everyone! At that time, we will be playing the Anchor version of "The Newlywed Game". Prizes to the winner(s).

If you have questions, feel free to contact John Finnell at your earliest convenience.

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Upcoming Events

On December 9th, the Anchor Boat Club will be hosting its Annual **Breakfast with Santa**. Breakfast starts at 9:00am (free for kids, \$5 for adults). Santa Claus is expected to arrive at 10:15am. Please bring a present with your child's name on it. This event is open to Anchor members, family, and friends.



The Anchor Boat Club is hosting one of the locations for the Lake Springfield **Chili Challenge** on Sunday, December 17th. If you are interested in participating, please bring out your pot of chili to be judged by 12:30pm. Tasting and judging will start at 3:00pm. The winner of the competition will be decided by 4:00pm that day. The top 2 winners will get paid expenses towards the Lake Council of Clubs Regional Chili Cookoff at the Sangamo Surf Club.

There is talk of organizing a **New Year's Eve Party** at the Anchor Boat Club. Details are not available at this time but once more information becomes available, stay tuned for news via text/email alerts or our Facebook page!

This year's Lake Springfield **Frozen Open** is slated for Saturday, January 13, 2024. Cost is \$50 per team of 4 or \$12.50 per person. Drink specials - \$3.00 beers. The event proceeds go to SUSART. This year's host will be the Sangamo Surf Club.



The Anchor Boat Club will be hosting a **Murder Mystery** on Friday, February 9th & Saturday, February 10th. More details will be coming soon so stay tuned!

ANCHOR BOAT CLUB PRESENTS

CHILI Cook Off

Sunday,
December 17th

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Condolences

It is with heavy heart the announcement of Katheryn Martin. She is the mother of SJ Martin, mother-in-law to Tina, grandmother to TJ and Kyle and step-grandmother to Devin and Aaron Phillips. The visitation is Thursday, December 7th at Staab Funeral Home from 9am - 11am with a funeral shortly thereafter at St. Patrick Church. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made to the Anchor Boat playground fund. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Narcan Available!

Notice to members: we have 4 doses of Narcan available behind the bar in case a member, guest, or member of the public is experiencing an opioid overdose. Narcan is an over-the-counter overdose treatment in nasal spray form.

Birthdays

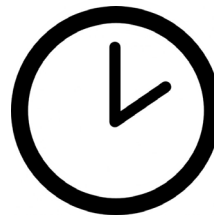
12/01	Ursula Bahlow	12/19	Angie Crum
	Patricia Krebs		Greg Fisher
12/02	Retha Riemer	12/20	John Finnell
12/03	Steve Buckman		Aaron Harris
12/05	Christina Ruggles	12/21	Brent Daily
12/06	Mac Broglin		Shaun Harness
	Tara Isenburg	12/23	Josh Hamlin
12/07	Amy Reynolds		Tracy Moore
12/11	Paul Bahlow	12/27	Josh Bales
	Colm Brewer	12/28	Ryan Amerson
12/12	Ray Larson	12/29	Nick Stoutamyer
12/13	Chris Crum	12/30	John Rosa
	Penny MccCarty	12/31	Mike Broglin
	William (Bill) Riggs		
12/16	Jill Wollet		



Anniversaries

12/14	Michael & Sandy Ramsay
	Chris & Stephanie Wilson
12/17	David & Tracy Moore
12/18	Josh & Marie Bales
12/20	William & Jennifer Suiter
12/26	Bill & Ann Sweetland

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 Zeidler, Membership Chair

OFFICERS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President	Mike Covey
Vice-President	TJ Martin
Financial Secretary	John Hawkins
Treasurer	Eric Staley
Recording Secretary	Tracy Tuxhorn
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Board of Governors	Damon Cozadd
	Mike Broglin
	Rick Eubanks
	Terri Smith
Bar	Jeff Ross
Building	Sam Cooper
Campground	SJ Martin
Chicken Fry	Joe Teer Jr.
Dock	Josh Hamlin
Entertainment	Norman Reeves Jr.
Fish Fry	Devin Phillips
Grounds	Ed Hedge
Kitchen	Lisa Dyer
Lake Council	John Finnell / Chuck Finnell
Membership	Matt Zeidler
Newsletter/Social Media	Gary Bach
Purchaser	Grant Bradley
Redneck Olympix	SJ Martin
Spooner Tournament	Mark Houston

Calendars

December

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



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