



ANCHOR BOAT CLUB

February 2024 Edition

Officer's Letters / Club News

President's Random Thoughts



We had a good start to the year. We had an entertaining New Year's Eve Party. (Go figure that the Reeves won another contest). Thanks John and Lorinda for putting on this good event.

We had a successful Frozen Open. Surprisingly, the cold weather did not deter the turnout. Thanks to everyone who braved the cold weather and came out and worked the event. Special thanks to Damon Cozadd for running this event.

Speaking of Damon, he and Mike Merz competed in the Regional Chili Challenge. While they did not win, I will say their chilis were some of the best chilis out there.

Here are a list of upcoming events at the Anchor Boat Club:

- **February 9th and 10th: Dinner Theatre.** Contact Sam Cooper if you are still interested in reserving a spot.
- **February 11th: Super Bowl Party.** If interested, please bring some food to share with others.
- **February 16th - March 22nd: Lenten Fish Fries.** Contact Joe Bruso at 217-899-6142 or Devin Phillips at 217-691-1116 if you can help.
- **Queen of Hearts Drawings will take place every Friday during the Lenten Fish Fries.** The pot continues to grow and it is over \$17,000.

Look for the alerts regarding these events and feel free to sign up to work these events.

We are working on some projects at the club. Sam,

Brion, and Rick built 2 nice storage rooms in the club so we can store our kitchen equipment and supplies. We received the go-ahead from the city to start building the back deck. Weather permitting, the contractor will get started as soon as possible. We continue to review the database for members' work hours. We still have many members that need to input their hours into the system. **Remember, you need to get your hours in before the end of March.**



As always, let's keep 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 Are Here Again!!!

Starting Friday, February 16th, the Anchor Boat Club Fish Fries are back! Starting at 5:30pm, meals will be prepared and served first-come, first-served until supplies are gone! Looking forward to seeing you there!



Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

The Anchor Boat Club will be hosting a **Murder Mystery Dinner Theater** on Friday, February 9th & Saturday, February 10th. Food for this event will be prepared/served by an outside catering company.

Tickets are still available. If you're interested in purchasing tickets for the event, you can buy either get tickets online by going to: <http://tinyurl.com/2j7ftah3> or use your mobile device to scan the QR code to the right OR contact the Anchor Boat Club, Sam Cooper or Abby at your earliest convenience.



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Member Hours

As always, members - please make sure you have your work hours probably registered. It's always a good practice to put your hours in at the end or shortly after the event to reduce issue down the road & give officers an up-to-date accurate count of work hours. Work hours that have not been recorded will need to be paid by the member to stay in good standing.



Note: birthday & anniversary information is obtained from the membership records. If you notice an error with birthdays, anniversaries, or listed inactive or deceased members, please report changes to our Membership Chair so our database records can be updated. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Queen of Hearts Drawings: What are the Odds?!

Have you been out to the Anchor for a Queen of Hearts Drawing? The Queen drawings typically are on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. There are a few exceptions to this - **on Friday, February 9th we will not have a drawing due to the Mystery Dinner Theater that night.** But... we will have one each Friday that there is a Lenten fish fry. So starting on February 16th we will have a drawing each Friday through March 22nd.



If you have never joined us for the drawing, it is very easy and a lot of fun. Tickets go on sale about 6:30 the evening of a drawing. Chances are \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5. Half of the money collected goes into the pot and the other half goes to Anchor. All tickets are put in a drum and we draw one number at 8:00pm. If your ticket is drawn, you win \$50 and the chance to pull one card that



is sealed in an envelope on the Queen board. As I write this, I believe there are 36 cards remaining from the original deck. If your card is the Queen of Hearts, you win the jackpot which is currently over \$16,000! If it is not, your card goes on the board with the other opened cards and the game goes on.

So let's talk odds!!! The odds of you winning just \$10,000 in the Lottery's Megamillions drawing is one in 931,000 with a two-dollar ticket. If you bought \$20 worth, the odds are one in 93,000. Anchor's odds? Much, much better! On a typical Friday we collect about \$800 in new ticket sales. If you bought \$20 worth of tickets for the Queen, you have a one in 40 chance of having your number drawn. If there are 35 cards left on the board when you draw, the odds of you getting the Queen are one in 35. Mathematically, you multiply the two odds together ($1/40 \times 1/35 = 1/1400$) and your chances of winning the big money is one in 1400! Don't forget that this is \$16,000 and not \$10,000 as in the Lottery example. And the second multiplier ($1/35$) will get better each week as the cards grow fewer. Plus, our pot keeps growing!



So come out and join us. A good night to have a beer, see some old friends, enjoy our gaming machines, and maybe win some big money. We always welcome anyone who wants to put a meal on for everyone. It doesn't need to be fancy. Last week Larry and Norm cooked up some fantastic chicken and noodles! Let Mike Covey or me know if you are interested in cooking some Friday (at this point we would be looking at dates after the fish fry season).

And thanks to all of our cooks and bartenders who work the drawings. And a special thanks to my wife Lorinda and Kris Cook who take care of all the ticket sales. Since we have started the Queen drawings, we have raised over \$35,000 for Anchor so thanks to all of you who come out each drawing night.

~ John Finnell

Birthdays

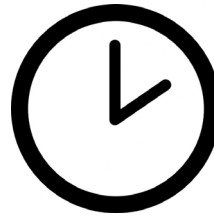
02/01	Henry Marbold II	02/17	John Higgenbotham
	Marilyn Sturm		Melissa Jerome
02/02	Suzanne King	02/20	Larry Schoen
02/05	Kaliegh Streeval	02/21	Dawn Brewer
02/08	Ally Bradley		Bill Standish
02/09	Mary Fairchild	02/22	John Hawkins
02/11	Rick Eubanks	02/23	Jeff Bridges
02/12	Connor Selinger		John Brownback
02/13	Michael Covey		Gary Eicken
	Michael Hawkins		Brian Fairchild
	Deborah J. Miles	02/28	Terri Smith
	Mary Reagan		
02/14	Mike Hale		
02/16	Judee Millard		



Anniversaries

02/07	Joe & Patricia Krebs
	Damon & Kara Cozadd
02/10	Paul & Ursula Bahlow
02/14	William & Robin Kochman
02/23	SJ & Tina Martin
02/24	William & Vivian Workman

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

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Spooner Tournament	Mark Houston

Calendars

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				01	02	03
04 West Regional Chili Challenge (Motorboat Club)	05	06 Membership Meeting	07	08	09 Dinner Theater	10 Dinner Theater
11 Super Bowl Sunday	12	13	14 	15	16 Fish Fry / Queen of Hearts Drawing	17
18 South Regional Chili Challenge (KC Lake Club)	19	20	21	22	23 Fish Fry / Queen of Hearts Drawing	24
25	26	27 Officers Meeting	28	29		



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