



ANCHOR BOAT CLUB

January 2026 Edition

Officer's Letters / Club News

President's Random Thoughts



As we close out the 2025 year, we had another successful year. All our major events were profitable. Special shout out to Devin Phillips (Lenten Fish Fries), John Finnell (Cardboard Regatta), Tom Madonia (Spooner Tournament),

Joe Teer (Chicken Fry) and Julie Lloyd and Tracey Tuxhorn (Triple B Bash) for running these events. We look forward to continuing these events in 2026.

This past month, we had a Breakfast with Santa (albeit a week later due to the weather) in which the kids got to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus. Shout out to Joe Teer and his crew for putting on this great event.

We also had our yearly Anchor Chili Challenge to determine who the club will sponsor at the East Regional Chili Challenge. We are sending 4 people to the East Regional. Damon Cozadd – 1st place, Sonya McGrath – 2nd place, Jason Smith and Leza Long – tied for 3rd. Congrats to the cooks and to Norm Reeves for putting on this event.

Over the next 2 months we have the following events:

- **January 9th** – Queen of Hearts Drawing
- **January 10th** – Frozen Open – contact Austin Evans with any questions.
- **January 23rd** – Queen of Hearts Drawing.
- **February 13th** – Queen of Hearts Drawing
- **February 14th** – Galentine event – contact Stacie Reeves with any questions.
- **February 15th** – East Regional Chili Challenge – Anchor hosts the event.
- **February 20th** – Lenten Fish Fry
- **February 21st** – Trivia Night – contact Gary Bach with any questions.

We hope to see everyone at these upcoming events.

This next year, our number one goal is to grow membership. If you have anyone that wants to become a member, please contact Jim Cannamela.

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.

Lake Springfield Frozen Open 2026

This year's Lake Springfield Frozen Open is slated for **Saturday, January 10, 2026.**

Cost is \$80 per team of 4 or \$20 per person. Drink specials - \$3.00 beers.

This year's host will be the TRN.

Proceeds for the event will be going to the SIU Medicine Simmons Cancer Institute - Pancreatic Cancer Patient Support. Tee off starts at 10:30am from the club you registered at. Free shuttle service available!

26th Annual Lake Clubs Golf Tournament For Charity
Frozen Open
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Tee off begins at 10:30 am from the club where you registered
Cost: \$80 Foursome or \$20 Person
Food available for purchase at most clubs
This year's Host Club is...
TRN CLUB est. 1956
25 Lakewood Dr, Chatham, IL 62629
Coors Lite 2/\$5
Tickets available at all participating clubs:
Anchor Boat Club, Aqua Sports Club, Blue Ridge Club, Ellis Lodge 158, Firefighters/Postal Club, KC Lake Club, Lake Press Club, Prop Club, Sangamo Surf Club, Ski & Boat Club, Springfield Motor Boat Club, TRN Club
Free Shuttle Service will be available between Clubs
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FrozenOpen.2000/>
Email: frozenopen2000@gmail.com

The good times continue at the **AFTER PARTY** Starting at 5:30 pm with Music from **music source**
TRN Club PRIZES
Get Tickets early to be eligible for prizes. Tickets are available at all participating clubs

Board of Governor's

Elections for 2026-2027 will be here before we know it! If you are interested in serving in one of the officer or chairperson positions at the club, the Board of Governors will be looking for member nominations at both the January and February membership meetings.

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New Online Resource

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. As of January 1st, our new system for reporting work hours is now available.

You can access it in two ways:

- **Scan the QR code** to the right with your smartphone
- Using an internet browser, visit <https://anchorboatclub.clubhubapps.com/>



There is also an icon on the club computer that opens the application. A user guide is available on the desktop of that computer, and it can also be found on the Anchor Boat Club website under Member Documents. If you need the access code for the website, please ask an officer.

Please Check Your Hours

Open the new application and choose "Log Work Hours." Make sure all your hours are listed.

If anything is missing, please enter those hours as soon as you can.

Membership Dues

The "Membership Payment" section of the application will show you the total amount you owe for the 2026–2027 club year.

Dues must be paid before the April 7th membership meeting, and you may begin paying today.

If you still have hours left to work, you have options:

- Pay now and include the cost of any unworked hours
- Complete your remaining hours and enter them before you pay
- You may also choose the "buyout hours" option, which will be added to your total

Please ignore the processing fee shown in the application—online payments are not active yet.

How to pay:

- Place cash or a check in an envelope labeled "DUES" with your name on it, and drop it in the safe
- Use one of the club iPads to pay by card using Square, print your receipt, put it in an envelope labeled "DUES" with your name on it, and drop it in the safe

Once your payment is received, you will be marked as paid in the system, and your name will disappear from the payment dropdown list.

About the New Application

This new system allows all members—Probationary, Active, and Honorary—to enter hours and view dues from any smartphone or computer. We hope it makes things much easier for everyone.

Need Help?

Learning something new can be frustrating, and that's completely normal. I'm happy to help by phone or meet you at the club if needed. Please reach out with any questions.

Jim Cannamela
ABC Membership Chairman

Queen of Hearts Drawings

The Queen of Hearts Drawings are returning the Anchor Boat Club starting **Friday, January 9th** (the night prior to the Lake Springfield Frozen Open Charity Golf event). As always, tickets go on sale at 6:30pm and the drawing kicks off at 8:00pm. If your ticket isn't picked for the Queen, stick around for a chance at free beer tokens afterwards (and maybe even a little trivia if you're lucky). Pot starts at **\$800**.



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Keep It Clean

This is a reminder to all members & guests who use the kitchen to clean all utensils, appliances, and surfaces after use.



If you use the pizza cutter, dishes, pots, etc., be sure to thoroughly clean each item and store them after drying.

Trivia Returns in February!

Get Ready to Challenge Your Brain! If you love good company, great fun, and a little friendly competition, mark your calendar—because the ultimate battle of wits is happening on **February 21st!** Whether you're a seasoned trivia buff or someone who simply enjoys learning new things, this upcoming trivia event promises an evening filled with excitement, surprises, and plenty of chances to show off your smarts.

Trivia Night is more than just a game — it's an experience. Teams will face off across multiple themed rounds, each designed to test a different corner of the brain. Expect a mix of questions from pop culture to history, science to sports, and everything in between. No two rounds are alike, and there's something for every kind of thinker.



So gather your friends, coworkers, or family members and build your dream team. All Skill Levels Welcome: Whether you know every capital city or just excel at guessing, this event is designed to be enjoyable for everyone. Whether you're in it to win it or just looking for a memorable night out, Trivia Night on February 21st is an event you won't want to skip. Bring your curiosity, your competitive spirit, and maybe even your lucky pen—this is going to be a night to remember.

Get ready... the countdown to Trivia Night has officially begun!

Lake Council Chili Challenge

**17th Annual
Lake Council**

CHILI CHALLENGE

1/18- West Regional - Motor Boat Club
2/1- South Regional - Ski & Boat Club
2/15- East Regional - Anchor Boat Club
3/1- FINALS - Prop Club

**Proceeds will be
donated to**

Doors open at 12pm
\$5.00 at the door
Tasting begins at 2pm
Support Your Lake Clubs!

Chilly weather brings the Chili Challenge!!!

The Anchor Boat Club will be sending **four** contestants to the East Regional Chili Challenge on February 15th:



- Damon Cozadd
- Sonya McGrath
- Jason Smith
- Leza Long

We would love to see to a ton of Anchor members at the East Regional to show support for the participants as well as the club. Hope to see you there!

Anchor Boat Club

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Birthdays

01/01	Carolyn Havens Joe Bruso	01/20	Paul LeJeune Season Hammond
01/02	Whitney Spearie	01/22	Kelly Clark Robin Favre
01/03	Rosemary "Rosie" Phelps	01/23	Amy Phillips Barb Lomelino
01/05	Bill Hawes		Marie Bales Phyllis Suiter
01/08	Robert Miles	01/24	Jim Riemer Sr.
01/09	Jean Fitts Stacey Powers Tom Madonia Jr.	01/26	Zach Lloyd
01/10	Gary Bach Jim Cordier Julie Bruso Tom Bland	01/27	Patrick Streeval
01/11	George Conley Mike Reid	01/29	Matt Kuchar Ryan Jerome William Suiter Sr.
01/12	Gus Harrison		
01/16	Jan Stehlin		
01/17	Janie M Gatlin		



Anniversaries

01/01	Glenn Dillman & Sarah Harris
01/15	David Sagle & Darlene L Sagle
01/23	William (Bill) Riggs & Mary Riggs
01/28	Scott Wooden & Cindy Wooden

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.

~ Jim Cannamela, Membership Chair

OFFICERS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President	Mike Covey
Vice-President	Damon Cozadd
Financial Secretary	John Hawkins
Treasurer	Eric Staley
Recording Secretary	Leza Long
Sargeant At Arms	Julie Lloyd
Board of Governors	Mike Broglin Terri Smith Bob Esposito Rick Eubanks
Bar	Jeff Ross
Building	Sam Cooper
Campground	SJ Martin
Chicken Fry	Joe Teer Jr.
Dock	Josh Hamlin
Entertainment	Norman Reeves Jr.
Fish Fry	Joe Bruso
Frozen Open	Austin Evans
Grounds	Mike Neale
Kitchen	Bill Suiter
Lake Council	John Finnell / Chuck Finnell
Membership	Jim Cannamela
Newsletter/Social Media	Gary Bach
Purchaser	Grant Bradley
Fall Festival	Tracy Tuxhorn & Julie Staley

Calendars

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				01	02	03
04 Sunday Football	05	06 Membership Meeting	07	08	09 Queen of Hearts Drawing	10 Lake Springfield Frozen Open
11 Sunday Football	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Sunday Football	19	20	21	22	23 Queen of Hearts Drawing	24
25 Sunday Football	26	27 Officer's Meeting	28	29	30	31



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