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# ANCHOR BOAT CLUB

February 2026 Edition

# Officer's Letters / Club News

## President's Random Thoughts



We had a good start to the year in January. We had a successful Frozen Open. It was neat to see all the participants come to the club and try out our new golf hole. Austin Evans and Damon Cozadd did a great job running this event.

Thanks to all the members that showed up and worked this event. Special thanks to Jason Smith for building the golf hole. Rumor has it that he is looking to build a new one next year.

We had 2 Queen of Hearts drawings in January. Unfortunately for the people that had their tickets drawn there was no winners, so the pot continues to grow. Keep in mind the drawing is the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.



With the cold weather in January, John Finnell is taking advantage of the frozen lake and is bringing back the curling challenge. For those that can brave the cold, it is a fun time. Also, with the lake being frozen, a couple of members have taken advantage of the low lake levels and have been removing the old poles from under the front dock. Special shout out to Sam Cooper and Brion Kaufmann for taking on this challenge. Don't fall in the lake guys!!!

As we get into February, we are over halfway through the college basketball season. We have all the games on our TVs. So, feel free to come out and watch your favorite team and enjoy a beverage or two. March Madness will be here before you know it.



The month of February will be a very busy month. There are plenty of things to do at the club. The events are:

**February 8th - Super Bowl party.** Come and enjoy the game. Please feel free to bring some food to share, if you like.

**February 13th – Queen of Hearts Drawing**

**February 14th – Galentine event for the ladies / Bourbon night for the men** – there is a signup sheet on the bar. Please contact Stacie Reeves with any questions.

**February 15th – East Regional Chili Challenge** – Anchor hosts the event. – Come out and support your anchor members and eat some great chili.

**February 20th – Lenten Fish Fry** – Please use the online signup if you want to work a shift or two during the Fish Fry season.

**February 21st – Trivia Night** – contact Gary Bach to reserve your table (or if you have any questions).

**February 27th – Lenten Fish Fry**

We hope to see everyone at these upcoming events. As stated last month, our goal this year is to grow membership. I am open to suggestions on ways that we can attract and keep new members. 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.

## Fish Fries

Fish Fries are scheduled to start **February 20th**. As always, we are looking for members to help with supporting these events. Remember, this is your last chance to get event hours in before the conclusion of the membership year in April.

To sign up to work, simply visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44ACA62DA3FECE9-61550616-abclnt>

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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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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 back in the swing!!!

. 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 **\$1000**.



Bags tournament date has been changed. Please stay tuned for developments.

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## 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 the February membership meeting on February 3rd.



## 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

02/01	Henry Marbold II Marilyn Sturm Melissa Dannenberger	02/16	Judee Millard
02/02	Suzanne King	02/17	Melissa Jerome
02/03	Monique Wantland	02/20	Larry Schoen
02/05	Kalieg Streeval	02/21	Dawn Brewer
02/11	Rick Eubanks	02/22	John Hawkins Melissa Roberts
02/12	Aleta Nicholson Erin Staley	02/23	Gary Eicken Jeff Bridges John Brownback
02/13	Deborah J Miles Mary Reagan Michael Covey Michael Hawkins	02/25	Jason Ruebling
		02/28	Terri Smith



## Anniversaries

02/07	Damon Cozadd & Kara Cozadd Joe Krebs & Patricia Krebs
02/10	Aleta Nicholson & Brian Nicholson Paul Bahlow & Ursula Bahlow
02/14	William Kochman & Robin Kochman
02/23	SJ Martin & Tina Martin
02/24	Jason Ruebling & Shantel Ruebling William Workman & 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.

~ 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	Devin Phillips
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

## February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>01</b> Sunday Football	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b> Membership Meeting	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>
<b>08</b> Super Bowl Sunday	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Queen of Hearts Drawing	<b>14</b> Galentine's Day / Bourbon Night
<b>15</b> East Regional Chili Challenge	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Fish Fry Queen of Hearts Drawing	<b>21</b> ABC Trivia Night
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Officer's Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Fish Fry Queen of Hearts Drawing	<b>28</b> Mardi Gras Parade



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