

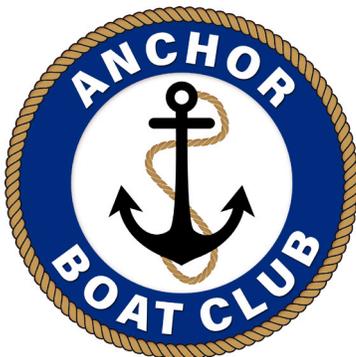


ANCHOR BOAT CLUB

March 2026 Edition

Officer's Letters / Club News

President's Random Thoughts



First, I apologize for this lengthy article in this newsletter, but we had a lot of events and changes this past month.

We had a Super Bowl party that I must say was not the most entertaining game. However, the food made up for the boring game.

We definitely have some members that can cook. Thanks to all that came out the party.

We had 3 Queen of Hearts drawings in February. Unfortunately for the people that had their tickets drawn there was no winners, so the pot continues to grow. Keep in mind the drawing every Friday during Lent.



The Galentine/ Bourbon night was a success. The food was delicious. Shoutout to Damon Cozadd and Joe Teer for cooking a great meal. Special shoutout to Stacie Reeves for putting on this great event.

We hosted the East Regional Chili Challenge, and I am proud to announce that we raised over \$1,100 for the charity that day. We also had 2 members (Damon Cozadd and Jason Smith) that qualified for the Chili Challenge Finals on March 1st at the Prop Club. Special shoutout to Damon for finishing 1st place in each of the 3 categories. Also, thanks to Norm Reeves for running this event.

We had a Trivia night at the club that had 8 tables of contestants that participated in this contest. We raised over \$650 for the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight. Thanks to Gary Bach and Amy Reynolds for running this event. Everyone had fun!

Lenten Fish Fries have begun. We had good crowds at the fish fries and the food was cooked perfectly. Devin Phillips did a great job of organizing this event. Special shoutout to the members that are working these Fish Fries. Thanks to Glenn Dillman and Anissa Weber for taking on the

responsibilities of running these events every Friday. We still have plenty openings for our Fish Fries in March. Please sign up and help Glenn and Anissa out.

As we head into March, we have the plenty of basketball to watch from the conference tournaments to March Madness. As always, the first weekend of the tournament (March 19th – 22nd), we will have a group of members that get together and make tons of food and drink plenty of beverages while watching the tournament. We invite all members and their guests to come out and enjoy the food, beverages and root on their favorite team.



Last topic, with our membership year starting on April 1st, we have had several changes in our leadership. John Hawkins has decided to leave the Financial Secretary position and is being replaced by Terri Smith. John has led this club through some difficult times, and I truly appreciate all of John's hard work and guidance for the past 11 years. Thank you, John!!

With Terri Smith moving into the Financial Secretary position, Travis March has agreed to join the Board of Governors. Thanks, Terri, for your help and congrats to Travis for taking on this new role.

Our last change that we had is Jeff Ross has decided to leave the bar chairman position. I want to thank Jeff for the many years of service as bar chairman. He has done admirable job of keeping us financially stable and he will be surely missed. With that said, John Finnell has agreed to take on the responsibilities of being the bar chairman. I am confident that John will continue the success that Jeff has established.

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.

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Hours, Dues, and Fees

The Time Has Come!

A current look at the hours entered in the database show that 29 active members have yet to enter hours using the new application, everyone is responsible for entering their own hours, please **DO NOT** enter hours for anyone other than yourself, except for committee chairman. I do recognize several names without hours I know worked the Chicken Fry; this was back in August. The new application gives everyone the ability to enter hours on their smart phone, home computer, or on the club's work computer, please, please, please enter your hours as soon as possible. If they are not entered prior to April 1st, you shall be expected to pay the \$25 per hour assessment. This means you have 31 days to get your hours worked and entered. We are all adults, and we all made the same commitment when we joined this club. The "Log Work Hours" section of the new application shows what hours you have entered and is where you can enter hours worked.

Special Note: It is important that all members enter their hours in the database using the new application, regardless of status, Active, Honorary, and Probationary!

Dues and fees are due prior to the April 7th Membership meeting!

Use the "Membership Payment" section to see the total amount owed for Dues and Fees, and the "Pay Work Hour Balance" section to see how much you owe for hours not worked. Members shall be considered paid in full and in good standing once the total amount due for Dues, Fees, and Hours has been paid by or on April 7th, otherwise access to the club shall be shut off. There is a 15 day grace period. If you are paid in full by April 22nd, your access shall be re-instated without cost. After April 22nd, the \$25 re-instatement fee shall be assessed.

There are two pre-pay options for hours available on the "Membership Payment" screen. If you wish to take advantage of one of these, you can select it from the drop down, and it will be added to the screen. The two options are buyout 10 hours for \$100, then you then must work the remaining 6 hours, or buyout all of the hours for \$250. These options are not valid to Probationary members. Unfortunately there is no sub-total present on the screen for dues and fees, you can simply add up the fees listed for you and pay that amount plus any fees for hours not worked.

IMPORTANT! You do not pay the processing fees! The application was initially including online payment; however, this functionality has not been activated.

How Do I Access The New Application???

Glad you asked!

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.

How Do I Pay My Dues?

Another great question!

- 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.

HELP! I Need Help Entering My Hours!

We did our best to make the application as easy as possible to use, however it is understood that it can be frustrating learning a new way to do something. I'm always happy to help either by phone or I can meet you at the club. We do hope the new application makes things easier for all of our members. If you do encounter a problem with the application, please do let me know.

Jim Cannamela
ABC Membership Chairman

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ABC Trivia

The Anchor Boat Club hosted its 4th Trivia Nite event on Saturday, February 21st to benefit a local charity, the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight.

The evening was well-attended with a record EIGHT tables. All proceeds from the night's event will be donated to the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight, an organization dedicated helping veterans visit their memorials in Washington, D.C.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make this event successful! A donation check for the charity is expected to be presented at the April Membership Meeting.

Kids Easter Party



MEMBERS and GUESTS, come on out for this year's Kids Easter Party at the Anchor Boat Club!!!

The fun starts at 11:00am and lasts until 1:00pm. Contact Jeremy Maggiore at 217-415-5287 with any questions.

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).



Lake Council Chili Challenge

Sunday, March 1st
Damon Cozadd and Jason Smith participated in the 17th Annual Lake Council Chili Challenge Finals at the Lake Springfield Prop Club.

Damon placed 2nd in the judges category. Congratulations to both Damon & Jason! Thanks for representing the Anchor Boat Club in this great event.



Birthdays

03/02	Anthony Buscher Noah Reeves	03/22	Andrew Gain Jennifer Powers
03/04	Benjamin Streeval Eric Staley Stacia Spraez	03/23	Kevin Beck Amy Eddington Kara Cozadd
03/08	Cathy Chandra Rachel Weber	03/26	Laura Marbold Starr Wright
03/09	Anissa Weber	03/27	Kent E Hammond
03/10	April Troemper	03/29	Cherlyn Harness
03/11	Debbi Leach	03/30	Craig Berberet Jamie Berberet
03/12	Lindsey Daily		Joel E Tjelmeland Jr.
03/15	Michael Merz	03/31	Chase Kauffman Larry Harness
03/18	Michelle Covey		
03/19	Cynthia Cannamela		
03/20	Joshua Broughton		
03/21	David Sagle		



Anniversaries

03/02	Grant Bradley & Kelsie Vose
03/09	Al Fitts & Jean Fitts
03/17	Alan Mlacnik & Andrea Mlacnik
03/24	Shaun Harness & Sara Harness
03/28	Shaun Stoutamyer & Nick Stoutamyer
03/29	Larry Harness & Cherlyn Harness

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

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01 Chili Challenge Finals	02	03 Membership Meeting	04	05	06 Fish Fry Queen of Hearts Drawing	07
08	09	10	11	12	13 Fish Fry Queen of Hearts Drawing	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Fish Fry Queen of Hearts Drawing	21
22	23	24 Officer's Meeting	25	26	27 Fish Fry Queen of Hearts Drawing	28 Kids Easter Party
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