

**December 2020**



# **SPRINGFIELD MOTOR BOAT CLUB**



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Event:	Day:	Actual Date:
Order Christmas TAKE-home Meals	Order between now and December 20th	Pick-up on Wednesday, December 23 between 11:00-6:00 pm
Christmas Pie, Cookie, and candy sales	Order one-week prior to pick up	Now!

## **RESTAURANT:**

**CURBside and Take-out orders are very much welcomed and appreciated and Needed.**

**Please, please, please call your order in: 217.529.1511**

## **COMMODORE: Doug Smith**

As we move from November and enter the final month of 2020, this will be my last newsletter as your Commodore.

Despite all the changes we all had to endure with State Mitigations, our club did alright for November thanks to the support it received from our membership and Teela and Channing's excellent work. As everyone should have seen my message that was sent, our club needs support with food orders to go so we can continue to operate through this phase of the Pandemic. It just takes each



member to order food once a week to keep our staff and club capable of operations. Thank you all in advance for the support.

It was quite the unusual year to have served as Commodore for the Springfield Motor Boat Club! I must extend a very sincere "Thank You" to each of our members for the remarkable support and flexibility given and needed to endure such a year. The 2020 Board of Directors has been amazing to work with, and I could not have done a fraction of what we did without their help, guidance, and support. Our Secretary, Larry McVey, my hats off to you for the continuous communication you provided for our membership with so many firsts and changes throughout the year. Treasurer Todd Herder, wow! He had to put up with my constant calls, texts, emails, and the occasional drive-by for this entire year. Todd has been an excellent asset for SMBC and worked tirelessly behind the scenes to secure PPP funding for our club, keep our books straight and pay our bills. Thanks, Todd. To all our members that stepped up and helped with keeping our club looking great and pitching in when needed, thank you.

As a club, we were still able to accomplish several things this year, even with all the challenges. Our club received a nice freshening up in the Bar area, we built a new Gas Dock (That was paid for with just gas sales from this year alone), we began updating our lighting around the club to LED (Thanks to Shane Hedge, Bill Atteberry, and Mike Lindsey/Lindsey Electric), a new Oven was bought for the kitchen (Thanks to Fred Walraven and the Queen of Hearts), and with several of our members working remotely or forced out of their offices altogether, our member-owned docks received a lot of updates and worked on them. Finally, I cannot forget to say "Thank You" to our Card Players for their generous donation to our club year after year. Thanks, guys.

As I put to a close my last newsletter, I want to wish the slated Board of Directors for 2021 "Good Luck" and much prosperity for the New Year. With such a fantastic slate of officers and a membership base unmatched to anywhere, great things are ahead for SMBC. It was a real honor, privilege, and humbling experience to have served as your 2020 (COVID) Commodore. Thank you all for your support, and I look forward to seeing everyone around the club in 2021.

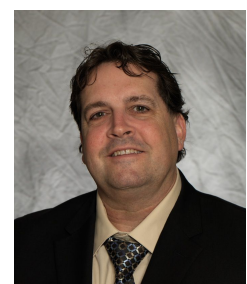
Sincerely,

Douglas Smith, Commodore

## **VICE COMMODORE: Jim Rapps**

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and will be getting into the holiday spirit.

As everyone is aware, our state took a step back in November, and for the club that meant closing down our indoor dining and



canceling any remaining events this year. There is nothing we can do about that other than to try and support the club through the slow winter months and beyond. We saw an example of that support a couple of weeks ago with the great response to our special to-go heat and serve Thanksgiving dinners. Thank you to everyone that took the time to order dinner, pies, and other treats. Everything was delicious. I'd also like to thank Channing and Teela for a couple of long days to make this happen. With that success, we are doing it again and offering to-go Holiday dinner's this month. As well as pies and several holiday treats. The menu and details for this were just sent out via email and will be posted on social media soon. So please get your order in soon, and let's show our support for the club we all cherish and the restaurant staff.

With that, I just want to say thank you to all of the SMBC members for a fun but challenging year. We weren't able to hold the majority of our scheduled events, but we did manage to get a few in like the frozen open, FallFest, and a couple of nights of music. In 2021 we will plan a full schedule of events and hope to get most, if not all, of them to happen. If you have an idea for an event or want to participate in some of the planning, please let any board member know.

Thanks again and let's make 2021 a great year.

Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

### **FLEET CAPTAIN: BOB KRELL**

I wish to thank all of our dock owners and slip renter's for quite an interesting year. We didn't have many events but lots of boating was enjoyed--let's keep it going in 2021. Special thanks to the dock committee for working hard to keep improving our gas dock, launch area, and docks. We have no docks for sale. Slip lease's will be prepared to be sent for early 2021.

Please make sure your trailer is marked for those who leave the trailer on grounds over winter.



### **GROUNDS DIRECTOR: SHANE HEDGE**

December is here; we have almost made it to the end of 2020. I want to thank everyone who has come out and helped maintain the grounds this year. Even though the year is winding down, we are still fairly busy on the grounds. Mike Lindsey has been out replacing the pole lights with new LED lights. The new lights look great, thanks, Mike. We have four trees that we are looking to have removed. Three of the trees are dying, so we will look at planting more in the spring.



We had a great turn out for workday back in November. Given the big turn out, we were able to get the grounds prepared for winter. The water on the grounds has been shut off and will be turned back on in the spring. I would like to sincerely thank those who have supported me over the last three years. I have decided to move up on the board and look forward to the challenge. Mike Hamende was nominated to take over as grounds director come our next membership meeting--hoping that will be soon.

Thanks again hope to see you at the Club--soon. Happy Holidays

Shane Hedge [hedgesmbc40@gmail.com](mailto:hedgesmbc40@gmail.com)

## **BUILDING DIRECTORS: Bill Atteberry and BRUCE OBERREITER**

### **Bill Atteberry and Bruce Oberreiter:**

Things are quiet around the building, we have been getting things ready for winter. If you didn't get a take home thanksgiving dinner from the club you missed some good eating. We are all just waiting for spring at this point.



## **BEACH DIRECTOR: DON BUTTITA**

Hopefully, the beginning of the holiday season finds you happy and healthy. Thanks again to Larry McVey Sr. and Dave Sinclair for their time and efforts. We can all rest knowing that the beach house is buttoned down and ready for winter.

This past year has had numerous ups and downs. It will be one for the record books. The beach was utilized much more this year due to the pandemic. It provided a safe location for our members to enjoy the sunshine and water while still maintaining personal safety. It has been my honor to serve on this Board and help provide a safe place for you and your family to enjoy the lake.

In the next few months, Lulu and I will turn our attention to fowl. She loves chasing geese and ducks. Thank you again for your support and kind words this past year.

Don Buttitta

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## **MEMBERSHIP: Michelle Norris**

I just want to say " thank you" for allowing me the opportunity to have been the Membership Director! It has been an eventful year. I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of new members this past year! Thank you to all our members and the board for all of their help as well!



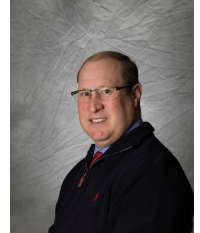
There are no new members at this time.

MEMBERS, Please be sure to put any work day hours in the book as the hours are being counted up for non-work hour invoices to be added.

## **SECRETARY- Larry McVey**

Our beloved member Kay Loveless passed on November 10, 2020 and condolences were sent to the family.

I GREATLY appreciate several members this past year who have contacted me regarding good and welfare--2020 has been hard on us all and I know that I am looking forward to the time where we can all be together again.



As secretary, I need club members to provide me with information that needs dissemination to the greater membership, especially regarding Good and Welfare. Please be sure to contact me if you are aware of any members or family members who should receive the Club's condolences or blessings.

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