

March 2024



SPRINGFIELD MOTOR BOAT CLUB



UPCOMING EVENTS

Event:	Day:	Actual Date:
Membership Meeting	Thursday,	March 7.
Spring Work Day	Saturday,	March 30.
Easter Brunch	Sunday,	March 31.
Comedy Night	Saturday,	April 27.

RESTAURANT Hours:

Winter Hours are in effect:

Wednesday - Lunch 11-2 Dinner 5-8

Thursday - Dinner 5-8

Friday - Lunch 11-2, Dinner 5-9, Bar 5-10

Saturday - Lunch 11-2, Dinner 5-9, Bar 5-10

Sunday - Closed

Times are subject to change based on events and staffing.

COMMODORE: Mike Hamende



Thanks to Jake Tripp for landscaping around the SMBC sign at the parking lot entrance. It looks GREAT! More landscaping is planned around the bay room and dining room this spring. We could use volunteers to clean and power wash the landscape blocks around them. We have sold the remaining old dining room and banquet room chairs for \$740.

Thanks to Doug Smith for locating and referring comedian Jerry Donovan to the club. He will perform at the club on April 27th at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and will be available at Thursday's meeting, and starting Friday, tickets will be available at the club bar. Thanks to Tim Patrick, we have located the plans drawn for a roof structure to cover part of the outside patio. We will be preparing an estimate together for future reference. We will soon be entering our busy season for the restaurant. Please, Please make reservations when dining at the club, when possible. Our chef prepares most of our menu fresh to order. Therefore, when we have reservations in advance, he is better prepared on how much food to order and how much to have ready for a given evening. It also helps to have the right amount of wait staff.

We have purchased a new printer. In addition, our menus will soon be updated with some new items, a drink menu, and beer, wine, and bourbon selections. After Thursday's meeting, we will have some beer varieties available at very reduced prices for members to purchase. We also have a couple of wood wine racks, a stereo amp, two box speakers, and some other items we are selling.

We would like to hire a young person, preferably a member's kid or grandkid, to work at the club this spring and summer. The hours would be somewhat flexible. Outside work would include mowing, trimming, power washing, and gas dock duties. Inside work would be dishwashing, bussing tables, and food running. If you know someone, contact me at 971-5464. The candidate would have a driver's license and reliable transportation.

VICE COMMODORE: Anjie LeCrone



We hosted the West Region Chili Challenge on February 4th. The club was very well represented, coming away with 3 of the top awards! Les Eastep won the Celebrity Judges award, Jim Corrigan took 2nd place with the Peoples Choice award and Scott Erb took 1st place in the Judges Choice award! Scott and Les both advanced to the finals on March 3rd. SMBC had great results at the finals on Sunday with Scott Erb coming away with the 2nd place Popular Vote award and Les Eastep taking home the 2nd place Judges Choice award- congratulations to them both and thanks for representing SMBC at the Chili Finals! This year's chosen charity was the Cochlear Implant Awareness Foundation, and the Chili Challenge helped to raise around \$2300.

Our Valentine's Dinner held on February 10th sold out and the turn out was awesome. Chef Mike prepared a wonderful dinner and Nevin had an amazing Chocolate dessert table set up. Jeff had a signature cocktail of a Strawberry White Russian and Jenny made sure everyone was taken care of! Thanks to the staff for a great event and a quick shout out to Greg Hamende for helping me decorate the tables.

February 18th was our Mardi Gras Buffet which included a couple of gumbo options, red beans & rice, crawfish quiche, and a Tasso ham & shrimp biscuits & gravy! Chef Mike served up fresh beignets made by Nevin, and the chocolate bourbon pecan pie was delicious. Frank Parker and the Jambalaya band set the mood and gave us all the festive vibes to complete the experience. Thanks again to Chef Mike for a great Cajun and creole brunch, you can tell he loves to cook this type of food. Thanks to Jeff and Cole for keeping the drinks flowing while we enjoyed the food and band!

Unfortunately, the trivia night we had set for March 23rd has been canceled due to a scheduling conflict with Russ. However, we do have him booked for later this year on November 23rd! Upcoming events are the Spring Work Day set for March 30th and our Easter Buffet Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt set for Sunday, March 31st. I hope to have the details on the menu soon from Chef Mike.

Lastly, I am planning to have an Events Committee meeting on Thursday, March 14th at 6 pm. Let me know if you can make it. I've had several members reach out and have heard of some great ideas for events. Looking forward to putting some of these ideas together and scheduling for this year!

Angie LeCrone
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FLEET CAPTAIN:

Thanks to everyone who worked the boat show. We were able to rent one of our open slips. We still have two left if anyone is interested. During the workday, we could use some help completing the teardown of docks five and six. Also, as you bring your trailer out, make sure it's tagged appropriately.

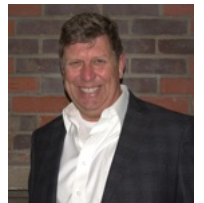


GROUNDS DIRECTOR: Matt and Kirk Karls

Workers are needed for the workday on March 30th.

Please bring rakes, blowers, weed eaters, chainsaws, etc.

Projects include pressure washing the landscape block and playground equipment so if anyone has a pressure washer they can bring it would be appreciated. Window washing. Cleaning outdoor furniture Pressure washing pavilion.



Thank you,
Kirk and Matt Karls

BUILDING DIRECTORS: Bill Atteberry and Chuck Broers

Bill Atteberry and Chuck Broers:

We have had several minor things pop up, and have been corrected. The problem with the ice maker has continued requiring several more service calls. We found it will take 2-3 months to get a new replacement so we ordered another one. This one is 11 years old. We want to Thank Dick Bushkill for picking up and serving our Kubota tractor and the zero-turn mower. They look great, thanks again.



BEACH DIRECTOR: Greg Hamende/Janice Joslin

The beach is closed but on March 30 work day the beach house will open...that said we need to remove items stored in the beach house, till the beach, remove debris from the shoreline, clean the beach house, put up the volleyball net, till the volleyball area and other small tasks. If anyone has a small tiller, rakes, or leaf blower please bring them. Thanks in advance for your participation. Greg and Janet.



MEMBERSHIP: Lesley Duncan

In February we welcomed Zach and Michelle Joyce as New Members. Our March New Members, Dallas & Joyce Whittaker are sponsored by Scott Erb and Don Buttitta. They cannot attend the March Membership Meeting so we look forward to welcoming them at our April Meeting.

I currently have 4

5 pending applications for April Membership:

- Ronald & Sandy Guppy (they are former members who recently moved back to Springfield) are sponsored by Max Strasbaugh and Lesley Duncan
- Jeff Miles & Jill Fasig are sponsored by Lesley Duncan & Sandy Colborn
- Elizabeth & Carl McCoy are sponsored by Lesley Duncan & Sandy Colborn
- Peter & Leslie Bugg are sponsored by Bernie Coleman and Gary Bacon
- Paul & Lynne Carlson are sponsored by Lesley Duncan and Angie LeCrone.

February 23-25 was the Springfield Boat Show and as usual, it was a successful event for the Club. We took 3 applications for membership and handed out several more to prospective members. I want to thank all of the people who helped with the show. Bernie Coleman, Tina & Steve Martin, Gary Bacon, Dennis Hayes, Dan Mueller, Matt & Tracy Carls, Sandy Colborn, Kirk Ryan, Rich Berning, Art Bowden, Mike & Darla Hamende, Julie Blaszak, and Tom Morris all helped with set up, manning the booth, and take



down. Angie LeCrone and Greg Hamende put together the gift basket that we raffled off. Thank you all! You certainly made my job easier!
Lesley Duncan
Membership Director-2024

SECRETARY: Larry McVey

Condolences were sent to the Mundhenke family on the loss of Steve Mundhenke an SMBC member, and to Doug Smith on the loss of his mother.

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

