

Newsletter



RESTAURANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW!

Weekly Bourbon Cocktail Specials will be available starting this Wednesday, January 8th!

The bar will feature a new bourbon weekly. Keep an eye out for weekly fliers for more details!

COMING SOON!

Brunch will be available on Sundays from 10 AM - 2 PM, starting on January 19th! The new Sunday menu will feature both traditional breakfast dishes as well as several unique omelets and large cinnamon rolls. Sandwiches and Chef's Fried Chicken + made from scratch mashed potatoes and biscuits will also be available!

CLUB HOURS:

Wednesday - Saturday:

4 PM - 9 PM

Sunday:

10 AM - 2 PM



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8, 2025

Club Reopens
New Sunday Hours

January 9, 2025

SMBC Membership Meeting
7 PM
Queen of Hearts Returns!

January 11, 2025

Frozen Open
10 AM - 7 PM

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!
PLEASE CONTACT ANGIE
IF INTERESTED AT:
(217)502-3000

January 22, 2025

Ski Lodge Cocktail Event
(Details coming soon!)

Messages from the Board:

COMMODORE: ANGIE LECRONE

I want to start of the year with a HUGE thank you to Mike Hamende for his leadership in 2024. He gives his all to this club and I have learned so much already and I know I will learn a ton more from him this year! Under Mike's reign as commodore last year there were several updates made to the club such as: bi-fold doors installed, new chairs, a new gas dock hose, he managed a student worker to help with items around the club i.e.- weed eating, working on the docks, re-painted the lines in parking lot to name a few, an I-Pad for music was purchased, a new TV (donated by club members) added to the bar, hired a new Chef as well as organized the cleaning of the apartment for him to use and new lighting in the bar was added to match the dining room. I am sure I have missed several items but know that Mike puts his heart and soul into this club and deserves our gratitude.

We had several successful events & banquets in December! We had our Jingle & Mingle cocktail party which brought in just over \$1000 in sales and the Bill's won the ugly sweater contest- Bill Brittin with 2nd place honors and Bill Atteberry came in 1st place. Thanks to Bill & Kaye Brittin and Cherri Williams for chairing this event. Santa came to visit on Sunday the 15th- he was pleased to see all those that attended! At one point there was a line to see Santa but never fear he was able to visit with all that were there. Thank you to Sue Thomas & her daughter, Terri, for chairing the event and Greg Hamende, Don Buttitta, Bernie Coleman for their help during the day. Finishing up the month & year we had our New Years Eve Dinner with over 80 people attending! Thanks to Cherri Williams, Susan Fisherkeller and Patty Broers for their help with this event! Chef Tim was dressed in his black chefs coat adorned with his medals to start the evening and introduce dinner. We were serenaded by Steve Shininger who impersonated Sinatra, Bubble' as well as sang some Christmas carols. Special shout out to Chef Tim and staff for a wonderful meal and perfect evening.

As a reminder the club is currently closed but will reopen on Wednesday January 8th for dinner service at 4pm. We will have our Membership Meeting this Thursday January 9th at 7pm and will have our first Queen of Hearts drawing! Invoices have been sent out for the year so please let us know if you have not received yours. We decided not collect the \$240 at the beginning of the year in 2025 but encourage everyone to continue to come out and enjoy the restaurant and events that we have going throughout the year! Did you know that you can call in a "to-go" order? If you are not feeling like cooking but want a great meal give the club a call and pick up an order to go!

Lastly, if anyone is interested in getting their Basset training completed to help with future events serving beer/alcohol please let me know. We could use a few more members to have the ability to help if needed for events such as June 7th at our Summer Social, Lake League Bocce when at our club is the host and Rumble Around the Lake to name a few. I am looking forward to what the club has to offer ALL of us in 2025!

VICE-COMMODORE: CHUCK BROERS

Welcome to 2025. After the club's annual shutdown, the club will be open for business starting on January 8th. Our goal is to have many activities throughout the year for members to participate in and enjoy. Below is a list of activities for January and February:

- January 11th Lake Clubs' Frozen Open – starts at 10:30 am with after party at Ski and Boat Club which starts at 5:30 pm
- January 22nd Ski Lodge Cocktail Event
- February 14th Valentine's Dinner
- February 16th Lake Council Chili Challenge West Region to be held at Lake Press Club with tasting starting at 2 pm
- February 21st thru 23rd Annual Boat Show club will have a booth for membership drive
- February 27th Cocktail event

Also, if any member is planning on having an event like a party or reception, please consider hosting it at the club. Right now, there is at least one event on the schedule each month through August. Please call the club (217) 529-1511 and talk to Chef Tim.

FLEET CAPTAIN: BOB KRELL

Happy New Year...We have a lot going on already and we are just 6 days into the year.

Dock #58 is still for sale and the first call to me gets it for \$3250 no waiting period

Dock Open Space #3 is still available \$6000

Dock Open Space #4 is still available for \$6500

We could have possibly 3 more docks for sale soon.. More to follow if things pan out...

We will have 3 rentals available with a possible 4th. Please email or text me if you are interested and I will select you in the order you are on the list.

Thanks go out to Adam Blair with the dock committee for conducting a dock walk earlier this week. Adam mentioned checking your boat if they are still in the lifts. With the increased rainfall the past few weeks, the lake level has increased and some lower units are in or under water.

GROUNDS DIRECTOR: MATT CARLS

Well, we made it through the holidays. Spring will be here before you know it! Anyone interested in completing their work hours can contact me and I'll put you on the mowing schedule. You don't have to wait till spring and mowing season; there's always limbs to pick up and if you do, stack them next to a tree and we can clean them up at the spring cleanup day.

BUILDING DIRECTORS: BILL ATTEBERRY AND JEFF MILES

Bill:

I want to welcome Jeff Miles to the board to help with the building. We had scheduled the exhaust hood in the kitchen to be cleaned Friday, but because of outside temp they postponed it. Will try again later. On Sunday evening, January 12th, we will move all the tables and chairs to the tile floor in the Bay Room so the carpet can be cleaned on the 13th. We will switch everything that night so the tile floor can be stripped and waxed on the 14th. We have been doing this at the beginning of each year to start off looking great!

Jeff:

I am looking forward to my time on the board. I am also looking forward to keeping the club updated and hopefully, more profitable.

BEACH DIRECTOR: GREG HAMENDE

Beach is CLOSED!



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: LESLEY DUNCAN

We currently have one new family approved for membership in January

- Craig and Sally Veach – sponsored by Pat Bumpas and Lesley Duncan.

We will have a booth at the Boat Show at the fairgrounds again this year. The dates are February 21-23. There is one shift available if you would like to get some early work hours in: Saturday, February 22 from 2:30-7:00 pm. Let me know if you are interested in working that shift.

If you know someone who is interested in joining our club please have them contact me. I will be happy to explain the process to them, go over the fees, and answer any questions they may have.

SECRETARY: TAREYN SEIPEL

I would like to say thank you to the Board for nominating me as Secretary for the upcoming year at SMBC! I am looking forward to the opportunity and contributing to the Club. I definitely have big shoes to fill, and I am very thankful to Larry McVey for his help and guidance as I take over his role. I have some fun ideas, and I am excited to work alongside Angie, the Board, and Chef Tim to have a fantastic 2025!

My husband, Scott, and I are fairly new to SMBC still, so if you see us around please feel free to stop us and introduce yourself! We have met a lot of wonderful people so far, and we are happy to be a part of the community at the Club.

If you need to provide a notice to send out condolences, or if you are not receiving emails, please reach out to me : tareynseipel@gmail.com