

Newsletter



RESTAURANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Keep an eye out for Chef Tim's Weekly Specials and our Weekly Bourbon Cocktail Special!

New to the bar:

We will be adding 2 varieties of Yuengling beer and 2 varieties of Carbliss seltzers!

2025 Lake Springfield Council Chili Challenge:

Scott Erb (pictured below) was named the "Grand Champion" Judges Choice winner!

Congratulations to Scott!



CLUB HOURS:

Wednesday - Saturday:

4 PM - 9 PM

Sunday Brunch:

10 AM - 2 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6, 2025

SMBC Membership Meeting
7 PM

Queen of Hearts Continues

March 12, 2025

Shamrocks and Shenanigans
Cocktail Party
Event Starts 430 PM

March 22, 2025

Trivia Night
Doors Open 4 PM | Trivia Starts 7 PM

April 5, 2025

Spring Work Day
Starts at 8 AM
-Coffee and Donuts Provided-

April 12, 2025

Comedy Night
Featuring: Jerry Donovan
Doors Open 4 PM | Showtime 8 PM

April 16, 2025

Spring in Paris
Cocktail Party
Event starts 430 PM
{More info coming soon!}

Messages from the Board:

COMMODORE: ANGIE LECRONE

For a short month- February was a busy month for events! Valentine's dinner was very well attended with 70+ people and sales of \$4700! Chef Tim recommended Dan Grover who put together a trio that provided a nice selection of music for the event. The Progressive Dinner ended up with just Lake Press and us participating, it was a fun night with 50 attending and sales slightly under \$1500. The weather that weekend was cold and icy so we lost a few that decided to stay home. On Sunday the 16th we were represented at the Chili Challenge- west region by Tareyn Seipel and Scott Erb. Scott ended up winning 1st place in the Judge's Choice so he moved on to the finals.

We had a very festive cocktail party on the 19th- Cabin Fever with a Jimmy Buffet/Beach theme was a great way to beat the winter blues. Amy Lakin chaired the event and she had lots of fun decorations to transform the club into a tropical paradise. Mike Fox with Fox AV donated the music for the night- Curt Smith sang several Jimmy Buffet songs as well as some summer time classics. Thanks to Chef for creating a "hamburger in paradise" and Melody for her tropical specialty cocktails. Our prize winner for the best dressed beach/island wear was Gretchen Dahl.

Thanks to Lesley Duncan for her work on set up, tear down and organizing The Boat Show. It takes several volunteers to work the event and I appreciate those that took the time to cover all of the shifts. I also want to thank Lesley and her husband Tom Morris for the idea of an open mic night. We hosted our first on the 26th, Tom Morris and Gary Bacon performed several classics and I heard several great compliments from those there that night. They are both very talented and I encourage you to all consider coming out when we get another open mic night scheduled.

March kicked off with a Mardi Gras buffet dinner with music provided by Frank Parker and the jambalaya band! We had right at 40 people in attendance with sales just under \$1700! Thanks to Pat Bumpus for booking Frank, Chef for the creole favorites on the buffet and the staff for the cocktails and service. The Chili Challenge Finals were held on Sunday the 2nd at the Elk Club with drum roll please.....our very own Scott Erb was named the Grand Champion Judge's choice winner! Way to go Scott!

Thanks,
Angie

VICE-COMMODORE: CHUCK BROERS

Welcome to March. Spring is just around the corner, and that means boating season is not too far off. Activities are being planned for members to participate in and enjoy. Below is a list of activities for March and April. Please consider attending.

- March 12th "Shamrocks and Shenanigans" Cocktail Party. Get into the St. Patrick's Day spirit.
- March 22nd Trivia. Contact Greg Hamende at (217) 415-6374 to reserve a table.
- April 5th Spring Work Day. Starts at 8 am.
- April 12th Comedy Night with Jerry Donovan. A ticket is required to attend. If you have any questions, contact Mike Hamende at (217) 971-5464.
- April 16th Cocktail Party with the theme "Spring in Paris"
- April 20th Easter Brunch

Also, if any member is planning on having a party or reception, please consider hosting it at the club. Please call the club (217) 529-1511 and talk with Chef Tim.

FLEET CAPTAIN: BOB KRELL

We have filled all rentals with new members coming in.

Dock 58 still for sale \$3250.00 and there is no waiting period. Email or text if you would like to purchase it.

Dock space #3 \$6000.00 and #4 \$6500.00 are available for new dock builds. Please contact me if you have any questions or are interested on any of the openings.

Thank you to MDS Custom Concrete for pouring the concrete for the new launch dock.

GROUNDS DIRECTOR: MATT CARLS

April 5th will be our Spring Work Day (weather permitting) starting at 8 AM. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

BUILDING DIRECTORS: BILL ATTEBERRY AND JEFF MILES

Bill:

We are moving right along, waiting for Spring. There was a minor issue with the ice machine again, and also the walk-in cooler. Hope we are good to go for a while now. We would like to thank Dick Bushkill for his work servicing and getting our zero turn mower and Kabota tractor ready for use this summer. Thanks, DB!

BEACH DIRECTOR: GREG HAMENDE

The season is fast approaching! That being said: Work Day is fast approaching also. The Spring Work Day is a good time to get your hours in.

Items on my list that day will be: Cleaning out the beach house, installing new shower heads, removing debris from the shore line, tilling the beach and volleyball court, and installing the swim ropes. These are just a few items that need addressed.

See everyone at the Club! I can be reached at (217) 415-6374. Thanks.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: LESLEY DUNCAN

We welcomed two new families into our Club in February:

- Craig and Sally Veach
- Patrick & Melissa Lee

Please introduce yourself when you see them around the Club.

We have two applications for families joining us in March and two in April at this time.

March

- George & Linda Merschman - sponsored by Angie LeCrone and Greg Hamende
- Steve & Carol Goebel - sponsored by Lesley Duncan and Angie LeCrone

April

- John & Beth Paoli - Sponsored by Angie LeCrone and Lesley Duncan
- Jeff Bennett & Linda Foster - Sponsored by James Rigney and Bill & Peg Atteberry

I want to thank all of the members who volunteered to work at the 2025 Boat Show. Gary Bacon, Bernie Coleman, Scott & Cindy Murphy, Debbie & Terry Neathery, Art Bowden, Peter & Leslie Bugg, and Tom Morris all worked 4 or more hours. I appreciate their assistance in helping our Club to grow.

I am currently updating the directory to include Spouses/Partners and their contact information. I am also using this as an opportunity to verify everyone's information. In 2024 we found that the contact information we have for several of our members is not correct. I have been sending out a few emails a day. If you have not received one but would like to be proactive you can send me an email at duncan.lesley@gmail.com with the following information:

Primary member name:

Address:

Preferred phone number:

Email address:

Spouse/Partner name:

Preferred phone number:

Email address:

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

February seemed to fly by, and I can't believe we are in March already! I had a great time participating in the Lake Council Chili Challenge alongside Scott Erb. Big congrats to Scott on his win! Special thanks to Troy and Gina Well for their help and to Angie LeCrone and Mike and Darla Hamende for coming out to cheer us on at Lake Press Club! I am looking forward to Spring and warmer weather, along with some fun upcoming events. Hope to see everyone out at the Club!

Good and Welfare :

Marilyn Koehler's mother, Jeanette Louise Kelly, passed away on February 10th.

Kerri Krell's father, Lyman Leach, passed away on February 18th.

Mike Miles' mother, Sandra Miles, passed away on February 19th.

Also, our Bar Manager, Melody Harkey's father, Harold Walker, passed away on February 13th.

Condolences were sent from 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