

Newsletter



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome April!

Please see our flyers for more details on upcoming events at the Club. Spring is here, and we have a full lineup of fun ahead!

Restaurant News:

There is a new Special Menu available for the Week of April 1st - 5th. Please see our Commodore's message for more information on restaurant updates, and keep an eye on your Weekly Emails for the latest information!

Spring Cocktail Specials Coming Soon!

Interested in holding a Private Event at the Club?
Give us a call today for more details!
(217) 529-1511



CLUB HOURS:

Monday/Tuesday:

Closed

Wednesday - Saturday:

4 PM - 9 PM

Sunday:

11 AM - 3 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 02, 2026

Membership Meeting
7 PM

Queen of Hearts Continues

April 04, 2026

Spring Work Day

Coffee + Donuts at 730 AM
Work Begins at 8 AM

April 05, 2026

Easter Egg Hunt at the Club

1 PM - 3 PM
Egg Hunt Begins at 2 PM

April 18, 2026

Comedy Night

Doors Open 4 PM | Showtime 8 PM

April 22, 2026

Spring Cocktail Party

430 PM

Messages from the Board:

COMMODORE: CHUCK BROERS

This has been a very hectic month at the club. First, I want to apologize to the membership for the limited operation of the restaurant during March. It has taken longer than I had hoped to bring food service back to the club. After the chef left, we were down to one person in the kitchen. That person's work attendance became an issue for the operation of the restaurant and employment was terminated as a result. During this period, a chef position was posted.

A board member's son, in the restaurant field, was willing to meet and review our restaurant operations and make suggestions for improvements. The Board met with him, and later he submitted a proposal for a new restaurant implementation plan. During a special board meeting, it was decided to go with the proposal. The board developed a contract based on the proposal, developed new job postings for three kitchen positions in the implementation plan, prepared interview questions and held interviews.

I would like to thank the board members for all their time and effort this month. All this activity at the club was definitely more than normal. Some of the board members had extra duty with work on the contract and the interview process. In addition, board members worked to put on the private events that were held during this period. Board members really demonstrated their commitment to the club.

I would be remiss for not mentioning all the work done by the club's front-of-the-house staff. Besides their normal duties, they stepped up by preparing appetizers, providing an inventory of the food products in the kitchen, extra cleaning and helping to prep food for private events. I am deeply appreciative of their efforts, and I am grateful to have them work for the club.

Currently, we have executed a contract with Chip Kennedy, and 2 people have accepted the club offer to work in the kitchen starting this week. We continue to pursue hiring a third person. Kitchen service will begin this week with a limited menu.

On another topic, you may have noticed a change in the internet reception at the club. This month new equipment was installed to improve internet service. I would like to thank Mike Fox and John Paoli for all their work on this project.

VICE-COMMODORE: MATT CARLS

Spring is here and so is the work to get things ready and looking good for the year. We have a work day planned for April 4th, with a rain date set for April 11th in case of rain. I will have a spreadsheet available for the mowing team so we can get a calendar set up.

Thank you to everyone who came out for Puzzle Palooza at the club. The event was a huge success, with 128 people making up 23 teams of puzzle competitors. A fun day was had by all, and it was a great way to support both the club and WILD Canine Rescue.

Upcoming Events:

April 5: Easter Party from 1:00 to 3:00 PM with an Easter Egg Hunt at 2:00 PM.

April 18: Comedy Night at the club; See flyer for more details.

April 22: Spring Cocktail Party with a baseball theme. More info coming soon.

May 2: Kentucky Derby Party with bourbon tasting event. More info coming soon.

May 10: Mother's Day Buffet. Family Day at the club! The Events Committee is still working on final details.

Thanks,
Matt Carls
Vice Commodore

FLEET CAPTAIN: DON BUTTITTA

Additional work was completed on the dock walk ways. Dock #67 and #34 are still available for purchase. Rental slip A-12 is available. It has a lift in it for sale. Contact me if interested. Congratulations to Gary Bacon, new owner of dock #10.

The water to the grounds has been turned on. You are now able to power wash, weather permitting.

Please pre-schedule use of the Club's barge for dock repairs. Let me know when you need it and for how long so I can communicate with the next person. Currently the barge is in the weekend parking lot.

Looking forward to seeing you Saturday for work day.

Don Buttitta
Don.smbc@gmail.com

GROUNDS DIRECTOR:

SMBC's Grounds Director position is currently available.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please reach out to Chuck Broers!

BUILDING DIRECTORS: JEFF MILES AND PETER BUGG

Peter:

This month we did several repairs to the rest rooms, sprayed for Asian Beetles, added a touch pad lock to the back door by the kitchen, and dealt with a drainage problem in the Beach House.

Additionally, I helped with interviewing and hiring new kitchen staff.

Next month we plan to add an additional light to the south side of the garage near the dumpster and are looking at some updates and repairs in the kitchen. There are some areas in need of fresh paint which we will be making a detailed list of and seeking volunteers for. This will be done separately from the work weekend.

BEACH DIRECTOR: LARRY KENNEDY

The lake level is finally rising! With the help of Bill Atteberry, filled in a large eroded area on the beach. Plans are on the books to add additional sand, till and grade the beach area for the summer.

Although we were able to get the water turned back on at the bathhouse, it will remain closed until we can address several plugged floor drains.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: LESLEY DUNCAN

We had two families join the Club in March:

- Steve Blakeman & Heather Lowery
- Rick Sturm

We have one new member joining in April:

- Jeff & Jenny Cleeton

And two applications for May:

- Joe & Sarah Robinson
- Paul Thompson

I love seeing the number of members grow! If you have friends you think might be interested in joining, bring them out to the club for a visit or have them contact me. I am happy to go over the current fees and membership process with them, answer any questions they may have, and give them a tour of the club.

I want to thank Todd Herter for getting our new applications completed! I appreciate your help!

SECRETARY: TAREYN SEIPEL

Happy April, and welcome Spring!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Club for our March events. On March 18th, we dressed in our best Irish gear and had some shamrockin' fun at our St. Patrick's Cocktail Party, and on March 28th, we had a doggone fun puzzle competition benefiting WILD at our Puzzle Palooza event.

We have a lot of fun events coming up, so be sure to keep an eye out for our flyers. See you at the Club!

Good and Welfare:

Micah King's mother, Marleen Kay King, wife of Richard King, passed away on March 15th, 2026.

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