

# Newsletter



## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Welcome July!

The red, white, and blue are flying high, the boats are cruising, and summer is making waves at the Club! Whether you're spending the day on the lake, gathering with friends for dinner and drinks, or joining us for one of our exciting events, there's no better place to celebrate July. Be sure to watch your weekly emails and event flyers so you don't miss the fun!

Here's to sunny days, smooth sailing, and making unforgettable memories at the Club all month long!

### Restaurant News:

SMBC's NEW Grill Menu has arrived!

Fresh menu favorites, weekly specials, and refreshing summer cocktails are now on deck. Stop by the Club and see what's cooking!

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/Thursday  
4 PM - 9 PM

Friday/Saturday  
11 AM - 9 PM

Sunday  
11 AM - 6 PM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July 02, 2026

Membership Meeting  
7 PM

\*Queen of Hearts Continues\*  
\*Brewer Family Fireworks\*  
(Across the Bay from SMBC)

### July 04, 2026

Independence Day

Special Carry-Out Menu Available!

### July 05, 2026

Boat Parade  
Celebrating America's 250

Sponsored by SLSIA &  
Council of Lake Springfield Clubs

### July 29, 2026

Rumble Around the Lake @ SMBC

### July 31, 2026

Pirate Party + Rum Tasting

# Messages from the Board:

## COMMODORE: CHUCK BROERS

As I sit down to write this report, I am thankful for air conditioning. If you like to boat and be outside in hot weather, you are getting your wish. For the rest, please come out to the club and enjoy what the club can provide inside and outside.

There were 2 events at the club in June:

First was an English Tea party on Sunday June 7th. There were around 60 adults and children who attended this inaugural event. Thanks go out to everyone who helped put on the event, especially Tracie Carls.

Second event occurred Sunday June 21st. It was a Father's Day Cookout Buffet. Unfortunately, the weather that day was rainy and dreary. There were about 40 hearty souls that ventured out to the club and dined. Hopefully, the weather will be better next year.

I want to let the members know that we have some new staff at the club. I'd like to thank board members who helped out with the interviews: Don Buttitta, Pete Bugg and Matt Carls. In the kitchen we have Brett and Quinton who are working with Ryan, the Kitchen Manager. In the front of the house, we have Anabel who is working as a server and will be trained for bartending.

As we are nearing the Fourth of July, our event committee was working on some events for that day that would coordinate with a fireworks display by a person who lives across from the club in Hazel Dell. Unfortunately, the location for the fireworks has been changed to Island Bay Yacht Club. Also, Council of Lake Clubs is sponsoring a Boat Parade for Sunday, July 5th. We will have a special to-go food menu for members to enjoy by the beach, dock, and/or water. (PS: we have heard the person over in Hazel Dell, John Brewer, will have a small fireworks display on July 2nd. If you are interested, come to the club that night.)

Last item is the Queen of Hearts. The Queen had a little vacation this past month due to other events happening on Fridays. She is back so please come and find her. The pot is over \$9,700. Just letting you know that the jokers are still on the board, but this time the board won't be reset if the second joker is found. Next drawing will be after the membership meeting on July 2nd.

## VICE-COMMODORE: MATT CARLS

Wow, how fast the summer goes. One minute we are discussing snow removal, then planning for Mother's Day, then it's time to celebrate our 250<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The grounds crew and some very helpful members have done a great job this summer keeping up with the grounds between rains. Thank you!

Several events so far have gone very well, and the coordination behind the scenes has been flawless. The front staff is doing a fantastic job keeping up with everything. Ryan and his team in the kitchen are really coming together, and the feedback I'm getting is all great. The kitchen has many moving parts and assembling the right people in the right positions is something Ryan has worked very hard at. Thank you to all the members that have rented the Bay Room for their events; It really helps cover our monthly expenses.

Upcoming events for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July: Please check your email and our Facebook page for details, as they sometimes change last minute.

On 7/29, the Rumble Around the Lake will be at SMBC and music from Not Petty will be playing.

"Shiver me timbers", it's a rum tasting event on 7/31! It will be time to put on your best pirate clothes and set sail with the captain. There will be a bounce house for kids, a treasure hunt on the beach, other kids games, as well as food specials and a rum tasting event for the adults with a complete history lesson on the origins of rum and why pirates drank rum. Get ready for an informative and fun event and let your inner pirate come out.

"Ahoy, my heart! Ye be a true gem, ye scurvy dogs"

Vice Commodore,  
Matt Carls

## **FLEET CAPTAIN: DON BUTTITTA**

Currently there are no rental slips available.

Docks 21 and 61 are for sale. Dock 21 will be sold this Monday.

Do not drive on the grounds. The grass along the docks is getting a beating. If you're doing repairs or maintenance to your docks and will be using heavy equipment or multiple pieces of supplies, please get a Board Member's approval prior to starting the work.

Thank you to CWLP Lake Patrol Sgt. Tom Carver for identifying boats on club property that should not have been there. Once notified, the boat owners were understanding and accommodated. It was appreciated. There are two boats that cannot be identified. One is a Vantage pontoon. IL4722JD. It was last registered to a woman in Glenarm in 2024. It has been sold twice since then and has not been registered. The other is a Ragin' Cajun boat. IL5702JB It was last registered with DNR in 2011. If either boat is yours, please contact me.

Many boats still do not have yellow tags on them. I will have some tags at the Membership meeting if you're not sure your boat has a tag on it.

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 lost some roof shingles during one of the high wind events. Thanks to Mike Hamende who alerted us to the damage. Jeff Miles was able to respond and make some repairs. This section of roof is on our plans for replacement in the near future. If anyone ever notices damage or anything else that needs repair, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Chuck Broers helped me do some preliminary repairs on the kitchen exhaust system, and we have lined up an electrician to make some interim changes in preparation of further upcoming repairs. Contractors who responded to the exhaust fan upgrade have identified additional issues that need to be addressed so this project is under review regarding funding and timing. Additional information will become available soon.

## **BEACH DIRECTOR: LARRY KENNEDY**

Crazy weather this month has impacted the beach. Broken tree limbs and sticks had to be removed.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has placed us on a "Beach Watch List" because one of the last bi-weekly water samples was over the limit for E-coli. However, the beach is back open. Please use with discretion.

New user friendly toilet paper dispensers were added to the bathhouse. Enjoy!

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: LESLEY DUNCAN

We had four new members join the Club in June:

- Amy & Eric Staley
- Megan Madura
- Katie Lindsey
- Alicia & Javan Kennedy

We currently have 2 applications for July:

- Steve & Angela Huddle
- Janet & Les Blain

And we have 6 applications for August:

- David Egan
- Ryan & Jenna McCrady
- Brett Hott
- Lynn Stuart
- Patricia & Thomas Gonyon
- Beverly & Joe Neisler

This is a great time of year to join the Club! ! 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 am planning to send out a new directory this month so if there are any changes to your contact information please let me know as soon as possible. My email address is [duncan.lesley@gmail.com](mailto:duncan.lesley@gmail.com).

## **SECRETARY: TAREYN SEIPEL**

Welcome July, and Happy Independence Day!

We hope all of our families enjoy a safe, fun-filled holiday and a wonderful month on the lake. Make sure to keep an eye out for our weekly emails and Facebook posts to stay up to date on the latest information and our upcoming events at the Club!

Good and Welfare: None reported.

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](mailto:tareynseipel@gmail.com)