

Newsletter



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome August!

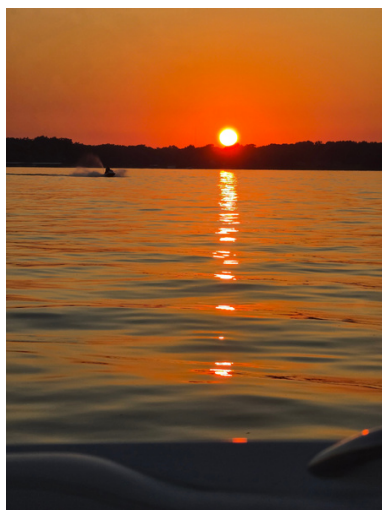
Summer is not winding down just yet! There's still plenty of sunshine, lake days, and good times ahead at the Club! Whether you're out on the water, enjoying dinner and drinks with friends, or joining us for one of our upcoming events, there's no better place to soak up the best of the season. Make sure to keep an eye on our weekly emails for the latest Club info!

Here's to sunny afternoons, golden sunset evenings, and soaking up the rest of our summer days!

Restaurant News:

SMBC's Grill Menu and Summer Cocktail Specials are always available! 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

August 06, 2026

Membership Meeting
7 PM

Queen of Hearts Continues

September 05, 2026

(TBD) Dock Party

More Details Coming Soon!

September 19, 2026

Shrimp Boil

More Details Coming Soon!

September 26, 2026

Kid's Camp Out

More Details Coming Soon!

Messages from the Board:

COMMODORE: CHUCK BROERS

Hello everyone,

It seems the summer is flying by. I hope you have been enjoying the club and lake this past month.

The beginning of the month was very busy with the 250th anniversary of the United States of America. Multiple firework displays and Council of Clubs boat parade occurred on the lake that weekend. The boat parade judging was done on the club's ground with club members Greg Hamende, Angie and Darin LeCrone participating as judges.

On July 29th, our club hosted the Rumble Around the Lake, a Council of Lake Clubs event. Military Families Together was the charity for this year's Rumble. Attendance was very good with 150 to 200 people at the event and 85 motorcycles showed up. This event wouldn't have been possible without the help of volunteers from the club. I would like to thank: Mike Donaker, Bucky and Maria Buchwald, Sandy Colborn, Dennis and Linda Hayes, Tom Green, Mike Hamende, Troy and Gina Well, Tim Laffey, Rick Sturm, Bill Moody, Bill and Peg Atteberry, Jeff Lochbaum, Jean Allen, and Megan Madura.

July ended with a Pirate Party on the 31st. The event was jam-packed with a lot of activities: Bounce House, Treasure Hunt, Kids cove, Music by Curt Smith, Family Feud "Pirate Edition", Pirate Costume Contest, and Rum Tasting. There was a very good turnout. My guess is over 60 people attended. I would like to thank the volunteers who put the event on: Tracey Carls, Peg Atteberry, Shilyn Grossman, Raelyn Grossman, Carlyn Grossman and Pete and Leslie Bugg, including their friends Steve and Pam.

As we enter into August with the State Fair coming, I hope you can find time to enjoy the lake and the club. The water level is good. Please continue to patronize the restaurant and bar.

Last item is the Queen of Hearts. The Queen had a short pause this past month due to the Pirate event. She is back, so please come and find her. The pot is over \$10,500. Just letting you know that second joker has not been found. This time the board won't be reset when the second joker is found. Next drawing will be after the membership meeting on August 6th.

VICE-COMMODORE: MATT CARLS

The best is yet to come. Summer may be winding down, and school about to start, but SMBC is just getting started. The next few months can be the best weather for enjoying your boat and the club amenities. Imagine sitting on the patio with your favorite people and beverage. The sound of laughter coming from the bocci ball court and kids enjoying the playground.

We have several fun events planned yet this fall, so get involved. I want to thank the 2026 mowing crew and wives for a fantastic season behind the scenes taking care of the grounds. I also want to thank the event committee for stepping up and planning several events this year not only for current members, but also to attract new members. The restaurant staff both front and back are doing a fantastic job Thank you!

Check out the volleyball court; It was tilled this week by a member's brother, and it looks great.

Thank you to the board for all the hours spent making sure the club is not only open but a safe place for all.

Special thanks to this group: Carlo Jiannoni, Jerry Strode, Lorraine Strode, John Paoli, John Carey, Rick Sturm.

Vice Commodore,
Matt Carls

FLEET CAPTAIN: DON BUTTITTA

Currently there are no rental slips available.

Dock 81 is still for sale. Dock 61 is also still for sale. It has passed the mandatory 30 days. It is now first come first served.

Gas sales continue to do well. Thank you again to everyone who fills up and supports the Club.

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:

The building has had some electrical work done with assistance by Justin Doolin, including wiring upgrades to the kitchen exhaust fan and switching a Fluorescent light in the kitchen to LED lights.

The front door was cleaned and the door stop was replaced.

Additionally, soffits to eliminate some insect build up were cleaned by Bill Atteberry and Chuck Broers.

Several refrigerators have been serviced by Isaacs Refrigeration with one still requiring a repair which is pending.

BEACH DIRECTOR: LARRY KENNEDY

Glad to see families enjoying the beach in July!

Two beach water samples were taken on 08/04/26 (samples are taken approximately every two weeks). The water samples are tested by a laboratory next to Memorial Hospital, with results reported to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Better LED interior lighting was added on each side of the bathhouse. Several torn shower curtains were replaced. And finally, the beach sand has been raked to remove goose poop and sticks.

All beach users: Please pick up your trash: Especially water bottles.

Enjoy!!!

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: LESLEY DUNCAN

We had 2 New Members join in July:

- Steve & Angela Huddle
- Janet & Les Blain

And we have 7 applications for August:

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

And we have 3 applications for September:

- Jeff & Joy Ferry
- Kory & Allison Fry
- Harlan & Deanna (DeDe) Murphy

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.

A new directory was sent out in July. If you have any corrections or additions please let me know.

SECRETARY: TAREYN SEIPEL

Welcome, August!

We hope you and your family are enjoying an unforgettable summer on the lake! As we make the most of the remaining season, be sure to keep an eye on your weekly emails and Facebook posts for the latest Club news, upcoming events, and important updates.

Good and Welfare:

Our sincere condolences are extended to Luke Isringhausen and family on the passing of Luke's mother, Susan J. Isringhausen, on July 21, 2026. Our thoughts are with the Isringhausen family during this difficult time.

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