

Newsletter



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome September!

October is bringing cooler days, cozy nights, and great food at the Club!
Plus, there's plenty of fall fun on the calendar, including Oktoberfest,
Trunk or Treat, and Costumes & Cocktails!

Keep an eye on your weekly emails for event details, Club updates,
specials, and everything happening around SMBC.

Here's to crisp lake days, cozy Club nights, and plenty of October fun!

Restaurant News:

SMBC's Grill Menu is always available, and make sure to check out our
Weekly Specials for even more delicious options!

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/Friday
4 PM - 9 PM

Saturday
11 AM - 9 PM

Sunday
11 AM - 6 PM



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 01 2026

Membership Meeting
7 PM

Queen of Hearts Continues

October 07, 2026

Events Meeting
10:30 AM

October 10, 2026

Oktoberfest at the Club
Event Begins 3 PM | Keg Tapping 4 PM

October 18 2026

Trunk or Treat
(Multiple Lake Clubs)

October 28, 2026

Costumes and Cocktails
4:30 PM

Messages from the Board:

COMMODORE: CHUCK BROERS

Hello everyone.

The calendar and the weather lately do confirm that Fall is here. I believe there are still some good days ahead to enjoy the lake.

After a quiet August, there have been many activities at the club.

Fall Bocce season began on September 10th. On September 6th, the Dock Party was held. At least 12 dock owners participated and hosted club members at their docks. Thanks go out to Tracey Carls for chairing the event.

The annual Shrimp Boil occurred on September 19th with about 40 people in attendance. Bill and Kaye Brittin were the chairs of the Boil. Thanks to everyone who helped and attended this event.

Last event for the month was on September 26th and it was the Kid's Camp Out. Around 40 children and adults participated. Thanks to Matt and Tracey Carls for running this event.

On a personal note, this past month, I had been a little indisposed. Several club members stepped up and did work around the club that I was planning on doing. I deeply appreciate all the assistance, and it shows what great membership this club has.

Please note that there will be a vote at this week's October meeting for 2 proposed changes to the club's by-laws. The proposed changes will pertain to Article III Fees, Dues, and Fines. These proposed changes have been emailed to the membership and posted on the bulletin board at the club.

Last item is the Queen of Hearts. The pot is over \$12,700. Also, the 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 October 1st. Help find this pesky Queen.

VICE-COMMODORE: MATT CARLS

September was busy with several events, and we are thankful.

From dock parties to shrimp boils and campouts, the team in the kitchen, bar, and servers all did a fantastic job!! We had rehearsal dinners and private events, and this is what makes our club so great.

Bocce Ball also started and this is always an exciting time of the year with new faces coming to enjoy the club.

October doesn't take a back seat as we are seeing several events and opportunities to get involved. We have Oktoberfest and a cocktail party planned, as well as the Trunk or Treat that is always a fun event. Please contact someone on the Event Committee if you want to partake in any of the upcoming events.

Thank you to the building directors and a couple members who worked tirelessly to install the new exhaust fan in the kitchen. The entire kitchen staff is thankful for your efforts!! Thank you to the members that continue to support the restaurant it makes a huge difference.

Lastly, as always, the grounds crew are the BOMB. Always behind the scene just getting 'er done.

Vice Commodore,
Matt Carls

FLEET CAPTAIN: DON BUTTITTA

Currently there are no rental slips or docks available.

Please remember to pull any trailer wheel chucks and place them at the base of a tree when you remove a trailer from the parking area. They can easily damage a lawn mower.

We purchased additional fuel for your boat just in case the weather allows you to view the changing colors of the trees from the water.

If you let me know ahead of time, and I'm available, I will pull your boat trailer off the hill with the Kabota when you're ready to take your boat off the water.

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 Exhaust Fan has been repaired and has shown a drastic improvement to the system. Upon further investigation of the problem, we learned that the overall system needs significant upgrades to meet current building codes. Currently we are grandfathered under the original code. Further improvements should be budgeted for future upgrades.

Additionally, the back storage closets were rebuilt with a weatherproof door and upgraded lighting. The space has been weather and rodent sealed and will eventually have additional insulation added to help lower our heated and cooling expenses.

To keep the current system operational with minimum expenditure, work was done by volunteers and the Building Directors. I would like to thank Bill Atteberry and Mike Hamende for their help in getting the work completed. Collectively, over 80 hours of skilled labor was donated to the club to get this work completed.

Some vinyl siding replacement is required on the back of the building if anyone would like to volunteer.

Additional work this month included a light panel replacement in the waitress station, routine insect spraying and a few other miscellaneous repairs.

BEACH DIRECTOR: LARRY KENNEDY

The Beach is closed for the season. The Beach House will continue to be open (weather dependent) until our Fall Work Day, November 7th.

Thank you for a great summer season at the Club!

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: LESLEY DUNCAN

We had 3 new members join in September:

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

And we have two for October:

- Lynn Stuart
- Mike & Karen Staggs

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.

Be sure you are getting your work hours in and logging them in the book. The year is flying by!

SECRETARY: TAREYN SEIPEL

Welcome, October!

The seasons are changing at SMBC, and it's always a beautiful time of year around the lake! As we settle into fall, there's still lots to enjoy and plenty happening behind the scenes at the Club.

As always, watch your weekly emails and Facebook posts to stay up to date on Club news, reminders, and everything you need to know throughout the month.

Happy fall & see you 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