SPRINGFIELD MOTOR BOAT CLUB

Newsletter



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome November!

November is here, bringing crisp lake days, cozy evenings, and plenty of delicious food at the Club!

As we settle into the holiday season, there's still plenty happening at SMBC, including our **Fall Work Day**, **Veterans Day Brunch**, and more opportunities to gather with friends at **Music Bingo**!

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

Restaurant News:

Enjoy your Club favorites from our **updated Grill Menu**, explore our Weekly Specials, or treat yourself to something from our **ALL-NEW Weekend Dining Menu**!

Come hungry and see what's cooking at SMBC!

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

SPECIAL CLUB HOURS
Sunday, November 8th:
10 AM - 1 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 04, 2026

Events Meeting
11 AM

November 05, 2026

Membership Meeting
7 PM

Queen of Hearts Continues

November 07, 2026

Fall Work Day
Coffee+ Donuts 7:30 AM
Work Begins at 8 AM

November 08, 2026

Veterans Day Brunch
10 AM - 1 PM

November 14, 2026

Music Bingo
6:30 PM

Messages from the Board:

COMMODORE: CHUCK BROERS

Hello everyone. I am taking a break from raking leaves to write this report. This means the year is winding down. I hope all the members have been able to enjoy what this club can provide this year.

Fall Bocce season began on September 10th and is still going on. It seems the weather has cooperated for the league except for 1 week. Also, our club hosted the lake clubs' bocce twice this fall.

The club had 3 events this October. On the 10th, the club had Octoberfest with Octoberfest beer and food, plus more. Thanks to Tim Laffey for chairing this event. On the 18th, the Council of Lake Club's Trunk or Treat was held. Our club participated and we had five trunks for the trick or treaters. One of our trunk participants won the most Creative Prize from the Council. Congratulations to Susan Fisherkeller. On the 28th, a Halloween Costume Cocktail party was held. About 20 members attended. For those who did not attend, you missed the opportunity to find Waldo, aka Tim Laffey, who won best costume.

At the October Membership Meeting votes were cast for 2 by-law changes, and a change to building assessment fee for next year. The by-law change to increase dues by $75 passed. The building assessment increase of $50 also passed. However, the by-law change for the restaurant assessment to be increased to $480 did not pass.

As a result, the amounts in upcoming invoices are as follows:
Dues - $375
Building assessment - $250
Restaurant Assessment - $240 ($20/mo.) Collected with 2027 invoice and put on a gift card for use in restaurant/bar.
Dock Owner's Fee - $150
Dock Lease - $1,250/$1,450 which is dependent on slip size
Work Hour Charge - $150 (if work hour requirement is not met)

Last item is the Queen of Hearts. The pot is over $14,300. 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 November 5th. You know that she can't hide forever.

VICE-COMMODORE: MATT CARLS

Happy fall to all! The summer of 2026 is in the books. The entertainment committee is working hard to provide members with many opportunities to enjoy the club and get your work hours in.

One of my goals for 2027 is to get as many members involved as possible. Many tasks that are handled by current and past board members are opportunities I would like to provide to club members to get their work hours.

We are looking for a member to serve on the board as grounds director. This position may seem intimidating at first glance, but with the help of several members all sharing in the workload everything went perfectly this past summer. The director would be responsible for creating a mowing schedule and providing it to his/her team. We meet once monthly and a report of what is needed as well as what was done will be discussed at the meeting. If you travel for work, you can provide an update to the commodore if you can't make every meeting.

Also, we are looking for a current or past board member that might be interested in the Vice Commodore position, helping with everyday duties at the club. The current By-laws require that the member would have needed to serve on the board and a current member in good standing for Vice Commodore. (This may be discussed further if no one meets these criteria). We will need to know this week if you want to go on the ballot.

Mark your calendars for the annual club closure from 12/31 through 1/6. This is an opportunity to get more extensive work around the club completed.

November 2026 Events:

11/07/26 - Fall Workday (tentative)
11/08/26 – Veterans Day Brunch. Brunch will be served buffet style and veterans' meals will be free. Please RSVP by November 5th.
11/14/26 – Music Bingo. Admission fee for event was discussed. $10 in advance by November 12th (Venmo) and $15 purchased on Nov. 13th or at the door.

December 2026 Events:

12/09/26 – Christmas Cocktail Party (Jingle and Mingle). There will be an Ugly Sweater Contest and Family Feud Christmas theme.
12/13/26 – Kid's Christmas Event with Santa. Back up date is 12/20 for bad weather.
12/30/26 – New Year's Eve Eve Dinner.

VICE-COMMODORE: MATT CARLS (CONTINUED)

2027 Events:

1/09/27 – Frozen Open (Council of Lake Clubs sponsored event)
1/16/27 – Speak Easy/Murder Mystery Event
1/21/27 – Winter Cocktail Party
2/06/27 – Mardi Gras Party
2/13/27 – Valentine's Day Dinner
3/07/27 – Council of Lake Clubs Chili Cookout Finals at SMBC
3/17/27 - St. Patrick's Cocktail Party
3/21/27 – Easter Egg Hunt Party
3/28/27 – Easter Brunch

TBD:

SMBC golf outing for members and guests. Two possible dates are 6/12/27 and 4/24/27.

The club will have two music events in 2027. Possible dates suggested are 8/02/27 and 10/02/27. More to come.

Blessings,

Matt Carls
Vice Commodore

TREASURER: TODD HERTER

Invoices will be sent out via email and US Mail on **November 15th, 2026**.

There will be a link included in the email and on the printed invoice that will allow you to pay online.

2027 INVOICE INFO:

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Dock Owner's Fee - $150

Dock Lease - $1250/$1450 (dependent on slip size)

Work Hours Charge - $150 (if work hour requirement is not met)

FLEET CAPTAIN: DON BUTTITTA

Currently there are no rental slips or docks available.

Dock #86 is for sale.

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. I picked up over ten chucks while mowing this past week.

Thank you for the feedback and suggestions for this past boating season. I look forward to working with each of you next season.

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:

It was a quiet month at the Club.

Routine spraying for insects was completed.

Attempts have been made to contact contractors to repair the salad prep refrigerator.

BEACH DIRECTOR: LARRY KENNEDY

Our beach saw quite a bit of action this season. Happy kids playing in the sand and water with parents and grandparents looking on. Possibly a first for SMBC, we even had a baptism on the beach!

We are looking for a few volunteers on Work Day to help with winterizing and closing down the Beach House.

The Beach is closed for the season, but it is a great little area to fish!

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: LESLEY DUNCAN

We had 1 new member join in October:

- Mike & Karen Staggs

And we have two proposed members for December:

- David Claunch & Monica Jenot
- Steve & Deann French

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, November!

As the days grow shorter and the temperatures cool, there's still plenty to enjoy at the Club! From delicious meals and upcoming events to projects and improvements behind the scenes, we're keeping things moving as we head toward winter.

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.

Here's to a wonderful November, warm gatherings, and good times at the lake! See you at the Club!

Good and Welfare:

- Our sincere condolences are extended to SMBC members Beth and John Paoli and their family on the passing of Beth's mother, Helen Elizabeth Robinson, on October 23, 2026. Our thoughts are with Beth, John, and the entire 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