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The Cherokee
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MESSAGE



Kevin Jones

General Manager, Lake Cherokee

Merry Christmas Lake Cherokee family. I hope that each of you had a great Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family. This year has come and gone so quickly, and yet we have accomplished so much during this time. We had our annual leaseholder meeting in November and saw 4 great board members leave their post after serving this community honorably and we swore in 4 new board members who are ready to continue the honorable duty of serving this business and lake family. The Cherokee Water Company had a successful fiscal year, and I will do everything possible to continue this throughout 2025. We have placed the audited financials on the portal for your viewing pleasure. We accomplished so much this year around the lake and will continue to do so in the year to come.

During this season, we stop to give thanks for all the blessings we've been so graciously given. I will be forever grateful for my Faith and Family, and as tough as this job can be at times, I am very thankful to have been able to serve this lake family for the last 20 months. But most important of all, let's not forget the TRUE reason for this season and the importance and need for all of us to put Christ back in Christmas! I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and an even better 2025.

Respectfully,

Kevin Jones, GM

Welcome to Lake Cherokee

October 2024 Transfers- 11

if you have any questions regarding a property or stock transfer, please feel free to contact Misty Conway at (903) 643-3933 or misty@lkcherokee.com



Permits	
October 2024	
Permit Type	#
Accessory Building	3
Boathouse - New	2
Boathouse - Repair	4
Demolition	1
Dirt Work / Drainage	1
Driveway / Walkway	6
Fence	3
Home Repairs / Additions	5
New Construction	1
OSSF	6
Other	0
Outdoor Enhancement	3
Pool	2
Retaining Wall	6
Total Permits	45

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CWC Office Manager Article



During November, we continued to process Lease Renewals and mailing out cards and decals. If you have not received your decals or cards by the time the Chatter hits your mailbox, contact the office. In early October, our regular mail carrier was on leave for about 2-3 weeks. During this time, we noticed issues with our mail delivery. Turns out several of you mailed your lease payment to the office and it never arrived. Also, we mailed out cards and decals and they were either returned or never delivered. Our mail carrier will be going out on leave in early January, so we will be watching closely to see if we have any disruptions in service. Keep this in mind regarding your own mail service.

Speaking of mail service. Have you noticed that to mail a standard letter, the cost is \$.69 cents, and the price goes up from there depending on the weight of the letter? This is another example of why we are moving to online communications – to save costs.

Our primary communication method is going to be email and postings in the Portal. Some Documents you might be interested in, now on the Portal.

1. September 30. 2024 Year-end Financial Statements
2. Pristine Ponds Electrofishing Survey Report
3. CWC Strategic Plan

In addition to these documents, you can find the most update permit forms, rules and bylaws. If you have any questions for us, you can use the Request Portal to send us messages. We check the inbox on a regular basis. Or give us a call at the office and we will assist you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Cathy

LAKE CHEROKEE SECURITY REPORT OCTOBER 2024

FACILITY CHECK: 1915	EXTRA PATROL: 141
OPEN DOOR: 31	DISTURBANCE: 2
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/ PERSON: 17	ALARMS: 5
WELFARE CHECK: 2	VEHICLE / BOAT ACCIDENT: 2
ASSIST SHAREHOLDER: 15	WATER RESPONSE/ BOAT TOW: 4
ISSUE TREE PERMIT: 14	ASSIST AGENCY: 6
ANIMAL ASSIST: 28	BURGLARY/ THEFT: 1
CLEAR ROADWAY OF TREES /DEBRIS: 8	

Variance Deadlines

2025

- 1/2—1/16 Board Meeting
- 2/3—2/20 Board meeting
- 3/3—3/20 Board meeting
- 3/31—4/17 Board meeting
- 4/28—5/15 Board meeting
- 6/2—6/19 Board meeting
- 6/30—7/17 Board meeting
- 8/4—8/21 Board meeting
- 9/2 — 9/18 Board Meeting
- 9/29 — 10/16 Board Meeting
- 10/27 — 11/13 Board Meeting

Annual Shareholder's Meeting



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The Annual Shareholders meeting was held on Thursday, November 14th at 7:00 pm at the CWC office. The meeting packet was emailed out to majority of shareholders this year. The packet included the meeting agenda. Mitchell McCoy with Heard, McElroy and Vestal CPA presented the annual audit report. You can find the (2) page financial statement online in the portal. In addition, Pristine Ponds shared information about the quality of the lake and vegetation. You can find the latest electrofishing survey results online in the portal. Also, Gary Mapes presented service awards to the (4) outgoing board of directors.. Thank you to Thomas Merritt, Rhonda Bullard, Paul Oberthier and Seleta Davis for your service.

Kevin Jones provided the state of the Lake Address. He shared some key statistics regarding Maintenance and Patrol. He always provided updates regarding the Strategic plan and the Operational Assessment conducted by SGR. You can find both of these reports on the Portal.





MINUTES OF
THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS
CHEROKEE WATER
COMPANY



Monday, November 11, 2024

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Cherokee Water Company was held at 1:30 pm on Monday, November 11, 2024, at NK 20 Lake Cherokee, Longview Texas 75603 with the following Directors present:

Gary Mapes, President
Thomas Merritt, Vice President-
Absent
Randy Graves, Treasurer
Dee Rea, Secretary
Kristina Coolidge
Rhonda Bullard
Seleta Davis
Cory Eason
Paul Oberthier
David McDaniel
Alan Koelemay
George Steele

President Gary Mapes called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm
Dee Rea, Secretary, pronounced a quorum.

Rules, Property & Variance Committee Report:
Paul Oberthier, Chairman, R, P, & V Committee presented to the board four variance requests for consideration:

NC 5, to build a shop building that will be 4 ft. from the property line at NC 6. The new building will have gutters for drainage and will have 12 in. overhang. The adjacent shareholder at NC 6 did sign off. The committee visited the site and recommends approval of the request.

SG 37B, to build a swimming pool that will be closer than 75 ft. to the water. The pool will be 21 ft. from the lake at the closet point. There will not be any vertical structures. Both adjacent shareholders have signed off. The committee visited the site and recommends approval of the request.

SG 45, to build an addition to the existing boathouse. The addition would extend to 95 ft. into the lake. The committee did visit the site. Due to the fact the water depth is over 6 ft. at the existing boathouse and the addition to 95 ft. would extend to deeper water, the committee asked the Compliance Officer to recommend three options to the shareholder. The shareholder revised the plan to show a different location for the addition. The new location will move the addition to the side of the existing boathouse. The new addition will be 4 ft. from the property line with SG 44. Both adjacent shareholders have signed off on the revised plan. So, the variance request is now to build an addition to the existing boathouse that will be 4 ft. from the property line with SG 44. The committee recommends approval of the revised request.

NP 95, to demolish an existing boathouse and build a new boathouse that would extend 124 ft. into the lake. The water depth is 5 ft. at 124 ft. The committee did visit the site. There is an existing boathouse on lot NP 96 that extends further into the lake and partially blocks the proposed boathouse. The committee asked the Compliance Officer to ask the shareholder to revise the request and measure the distance from the location of the proposed boathouse. The revised request shows 111 ft. to reach 5 ft. of water depth. So, the variance request is now to build a new boathouse 111 ft. into the lake. Both adjacent shareholders have signed off. The committee recommends approval of the request.

Paul Oberthier, Chairman, R, P, & V Committee, made a motion to approve all listed variances (NC5, SG37B, SG45, NP95). The motion was seconded by Seleta Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

Lease Renewal Reminder

Many of you have renewed your lease for 24-25. Lease renewals were Due on October 1st and Late November 1st. Renewals are online this year via the Portal. If you are looking for a paper document in the mail, we are no longer sending out paper renewals. Starting December 1st, late fees of \$100 will be issued each month until paid.

If you have not renewed your lease, contact the office ASAP.



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February
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General Manager's Report:
Kevin Jones presented a report on Cherokee Water Company 2024 Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans. This will be presented to TCEQ. Dee Rea made a motion to approve the Cherokee Water Company's Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan as required by TCEQ. The motion was seconded by Randy Graves. The motion passed by unanimous consent

With no other business, President Gary Mapes adjourned the meeting at 1:40 pm.

ATTEST:

Dee Rea, Secretary

CWC OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Friday
8:00 am -
4:00 pm**

If you are unable to make it to the office during business hours, give us a call. We can help!

(903) 643-3933

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MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY
Thursday, November 14, 2024

A meeting of the 24_25 Board of Directors of Cherokee Water Company was held at 8:21 pm on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at NK 20 Lake Cherokee, Longview Texas 75603 with the following Directors present:

- Gary Mapes, President
- Randy Graves, Treasurer
- Dee Rea, Secretary
- Kristina Coolidge
- Cory Eason
- David McDaniel
- Alan Koelemay
- George Steele
- Jeff Patty
- Mary Yoder
- Justin Simmons
- Cody Edmonson



President Gary Mapes called the meeting to order at 8:21 pm
Dee Rea, Secretary, pronounced a quorum.

Gary Mapes, President of the Board of Directors, introduced and welcomed the newly elected board members. New Members: Jeff Patty; Mary Yoder; Justin Simmons; Cody Edmonson

President, Gary Mapes presided over the election of new officers and the Executive Committee.

- Nominations for President:
- Randy Graves nominated Gary Mapes
 - Alan Koelemay nominated David McDaniel

Gary Mapes was elected by majority vote.



24-25 BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Dee Rea, Gary Mapes, Randy Graves, David McDaniel

Nominations for Vice President:

- Gary Mapes nominated Kristina Coolidge
- George Steele nominated David McDaniel
- Cory Eason nominated himself.

David McDaniel was elected by majority vote.

Nominations for Secretary:

- Gary Mapes nominated Dee Rea
- Dee Rea nominated Alan Koelemay

Dee Rea was elected by majority vote.

Nominations for Treasurer:

- Gary Mapes nominated Randy Graves

Due to no other nominees, Randy Graves was elected as Treasurer.

These 4 officers will serve as the Executive Committee.

President Gary Mapes stated committee assignments would be made in December and the next Board Meeting will be held the 3rd Thursday of January.

With no other business, President Gary Mapes adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.

ATTEST:

Dee Rea, Secretary



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I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.
I stand for freedom. I am confident.
I am arrogant. I am proud.
When I am flown with my fellow banners,
My head is a little higher,
My colors a little truer.
I bow to no one!
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped - I am saluted.
I am loved - I am revered.
I am respected - I am feared.

I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years.
I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appamatox.
I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy.
Guam, Okinawa, Korea and KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam know me.
I was there. I led my troops.
I was dirty, battleworn and tired,
but my soldiers cheered me and I was proud.

I have been burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries
I have helped set free. It does not hurt for I am invincible.
I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled in the streets of my country.
And when it's done by those whom I've served in battle - it hurts.
But I shall overcome - for I am strong.
I have slipped the bonds of earth and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon.
I have born silent witness to all of America's finest hours.
But my finest hours are yet to come.
When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battle field,
when I am flown at halfmast to honor my soldier,
or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter,

I am proud.
I am the flag of the United States of America.

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Lake Cherokee Groups and Clubs

We have several clubs that have been formed and led by Lake Cherokee Shareholders. You can find more information about these clubs in the Shareholder Portal. Key contacts with phone numbers are provided online in the Portal.

Preservation Club

Deanna Kalmus, President
Meetings are 3rd Thursday of each month following Board Mtg

Fishing Club

Genia Holland, President
Meetings are 2nd Monday at 7:00pm at CWC office

First Friends

Roxanne Lane-Brink
Gail Fowler
Lunch 3rd Thursday of each month

Photography Club

Holly Treadway
Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month

Bridge Club

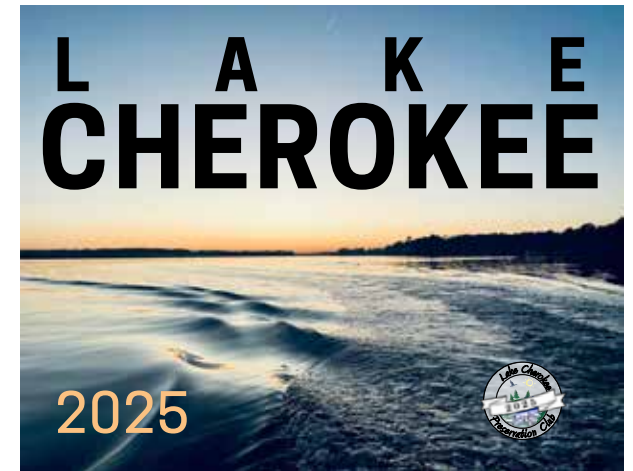
Norvella Skarda
Play every Wednesday at 11:30 am at NK21

Lake Cherokee Community Foundation

Non-profit organization benefitting the community More information: www.lakecherokeecommunityfoundation.org



Your FREE 2025 Lake Cherokee Preservation Club calendar is available at the CWC office.



We thank all who made this project possible: photographers, the kiddos for their amazing artwork, the Photography Club, Wendy Dobson-graphic designer, TCM printing and Abby Adkisson for overall coordination.

Thank you to the following sponsors for their continued generous support! We urge shareholders to patronize these businesses!

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Common External Parasites - Grubs

Introduction

Pepper-like dots; white to yellow bumps at the base of fins; and external sores; are all signs of parasites on your fish. Before alarms are raised, none of these parasites are transmittable to humans, nor are they typically harmful to the fish. However, they can be unsightly and when overabundant, reduce fish health. There are numerous categories and species of fish parasites but in this article, we will simply cover the most commonly seen parasites and potential solutions to reducing their population.

Grub Parasites - The Life Cycle

Black, white, and yellow "grubs" are some of the most commonly seen parasites in ponds and lakes across the country. These "grubs" are actually parasitic trematodes (flatworms) that imbed in fish gills, fins, organs, and flesh. All three species of grub have a complex life cycle with multiple hosts. Adult grubs produce eggs inside of predatory water birds such as herrings, egrets, and kingfishers. These eggs are then transferred into the water through feces or contact, where they will hatch into swimming larvae and infect snails. Snails then serve as an intermediate host for the parasite to undergo asexual reproduction and then mature into a second swimming larval stage. The second larval stage infects fish and forms a "grub-like appearance." These larvae then wait for the fish to be consumed by a predatory bird, so that the cycle can start all over again.

Black Grubs



Photo Credit: Fish and Wildlife Cold Lake Hatchery

Black grubs are small and commonly found on the skin and fins of fish. These grubs can cause black spot disease when overabundant (photo above). Black spot disease typically causes a depletion of energy stores in the fish but is not always fatal.

White Grubs

White grubs are typically found within the organs of fish, such as the kidneys and liver. As a result, infection with these trematodes is not likely visible unless a fish is harvested. Despite being less visible, they tend to be more problematic for fish due to their preferred location in the organs.

Photos of this species are not provided due to gore

Yellow Grubs



Yellow grubs are a very common species that typically infects the fins of fish but can also be found in the flesh. Yellow grubs are rarely lethal to fish but can cause anglers to shy away from consumption when present in fish flesh. (They are entirely harmless to humans when filets are cooked properly.)

Managing Grub Parasites

While there are no FDA approved treatments for controlling grub parasites on fish, grubs can be controlled by removing one of the hosts from their life cycle. Predatory birds are federally protected so removing them is illegal and not typically feasible but managing snail populations can be done effectively by stocking redear sunfish and preventing excessive aquatic vegetation. Redear sunfish consume snails and mollusks as a majority of their diet (where shellcracker comes from), meaning that when present in healthy numbers they can reduce snail populations, which in turn reduces grubs. Managing aquatic vegetation is also important as it serves as a food source and hiding place for snails to avoid predators. While completely eradicating all grubs from a pond or lake is unlikely, significant population reductions can be made with the recommended management strategies, creating healthier, more aesthetically pleasing fish.

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2024 Lake Cherokee Community Foundation Gala
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November 16, 2024

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The Lake Cherokee Veteran Memorial is fully funded thanks to the guests, underwriters, and sponsors at the first annual LCCF gala on Nov 16th.
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Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial Update

It is with great pleasure that I announce that after the Nov 16th Gala...Phase 1, Phase 2, and landscaping are fully funded! There are many folks to thank but we all agree, it's the cause that stirred passion to donate.

We went into the Gala needing \$65,000. Rhonda Bullard, our Gala Wizard, reported that we raised **\$73,792.56 NET** (after all expenses). How did this happen? We sold out the event, minimized expenses, rocked a live and silent auction and had a secret donor at the end who agreed to donate \$5,000 if others would match – and match they did!

And, what an event! Will Summers, our guest speaker, told his inspiring story of a secret Green Beret operation immediately after 9/11. Thomas White gave a passionate speech - bringing tears to some folks' eyes. Carter Tucker, our auctioneer, squeezed money from the audience when we thought there was nothing left. Rhonda Bullard and Christy Bussey, Gala co-chairs ran a flawless event and kept expenses down. The Veterans Memorial couldn't be more fortunate to have such amazing friends. Check out our donor listing in the LCCF Thank You ad in this week's Chatter – and it would be wonderful if you could thank them in person for their generosity.

Where will that money go? All proceeds from the Gala are held by LCCF but are designated for



the Veterans Memorial. Excess funds will go towards future Memorial events and projects including paving a sidewalk that is accessible by all, adding further memorial features, and possibly a boat dock so that people can visit by land and sea!

Additionally, we held our first **Veterans Day Ceremony** at the site on Nov 11th. We had about 80 folks show up. Troop 201 presented colors and raised



the American flag. John Morgan gave his perspective on being a veteran on the lake, Miguel Fabbiani read "I am the Flag", Barrett Newsom led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Dee Kennel blew us away with her National Anthem, and Troop 201 presented colors and raised the American flag.

What's next for the Veterans Memorial?
Our work is never done....

Wall of Honor: Of the 126 engraved name spots, we have 52 left (as of 11/18). We are worried some folks may still not know about the opportunity. We would like to see all our Lake Cherokee Veterans on this wall. Contact Kathryn to reserve spots kacourville@gmail.com

Veterans Memorial Events 2025: Memorial Day, 4th of July & Veterans Day - it's around the corner! We need a few people to start planning. Dates, agenda, activities, invitation list... a FLYOVER from Barksdale AFB? Can you help?



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Isaiah 7:14 NIV

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Cherokee Fishing Club

By Bryce Tawney – Treasurer

DECEMBER 2024

CFC's November Meeting had a great crowd with 52 members. New members were Greg LeCour and David Smith, and visitor Ron Pickard. Special thanks to Pete and Carol Staiti for the excellent Chili. Thanks to the cookie people this month, including Pete and Carol, Anna O'Brien, Genia Holland, Roxanne Brink, Larry Willis, Gwen Kozeluh, and Linda Steele.

President Genia Holland recognized all the military veterans in attendance tonight who received a nice "Thanks for your service" ovation! CFC is sponsoring a food drive for canned goods and non-perishable food items, and our toy drive for the Tatum Police Dept Blue Santa program. Food and toys can be dropped off upstairs at the CWC Office or the Golf Course, or brought to the December meeting. Genia noted the Board has agreed to restructure the role of the Vice President and Bob O'Brien will assume the role. Also, the Secretary's duties will be transferred from Genia to Treasurer, Bryce Tawney. A membership vote resulted in a strong majority in favor of the changes.



Cherokee Fishing Club Fall 2024 Bass Tournament In The Money:			
Big Stringer 1st Place	22.35 lbs	Team:	Brad Langford / Zach Mundell
Big Stringer 2nd Place	21.02 lbs	Team:	Harrison Skinner / Ryan Hill
Big Stringer 3rd Place	20.76 lbs	Team:	Jeb Underhill / Michael Rich
Big Stringer 4th Place	17.60 lbs	Team:	David Googe / Rocky Kingrea
Big Stringer 5th Place	17.60 lbs	Team:	Dana Deason / Aaron Fite
Big Bass 1st Place	8.15 lbs	Angler:	Zach Mundell
Big Bass 2nd Place	5.64 lbs	Angler:	Jeb Underhill
Big Bass 3rd Place	5.62 lbs	Angler:	Eddy Anderson
25 Teams Registered, 17 Teams Weighed-In, 256.79 lbs Total Weight			
\$1,070 Total Payout and \$140 Donations for Hatchery			

Genia advised she was asked to consider naming our 2024 Spring tournament after a recently deceased CFC member. While the timing did not fit the 2024 tournament, Genia proposed the 2025 Spring Bass Tournament be named to recognize all recently deceased CFC members. A membership vote resulted in a majority favoring a Spring Memorial Tournament.

Genia conveyed that the CFC Board agreed to evaluate re-establishing the Annual Youth Fishing Tournament. Member Lori Klump volunteered to lead a team including David Cravey and John Jaskiewicz to prepare a proposal for membership consideration.

Bryce Tawney, Secretary/Treasurer, provided a financial update. He noted the CFC Board recently approved updates to the Constitution and Bylaws. Bryce notified the membership that a member vote would be held at the first 2025 CFC meeting. Copies of old and new Bylaws, with explanations, were made available to members. Members not in attendance can request a copy from Bryce at btawney58@gmail.com.

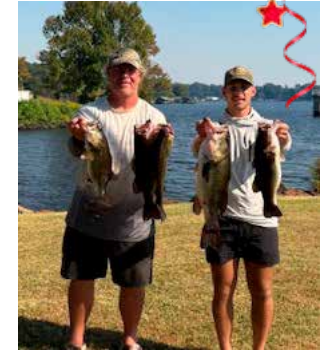
Bryce explained an important step CFC will take in 2025 for Tournaments. With the recent IRS reinstatement of CFC's 501c7 tax-exempt status, no more than 15% of our gross revenue can come from Non-Members. Tournament registrants will need to

be current paid members of CFC in 2025. Participant team members can be non-member guests. Bryce does not foresee this change impacting the number of teams participating since member dues support CFC's costs of hosting tournaments. CFC will update tournament rules/entry forms and start communications for members and past tournament team registrants.

Gary Lindsey, Hatchery Director, advised all the ponds are now filled with water with a thriving population of small frogs! One pond is raising Redear Sunfish and a second pond has Bluegill. Gary's primary objective is to maintain the optimal condition of all ponds. Pristine Pond Solutions is scheduled to do a shocking survey on November 16. The survey results will help guide the best pond utilization to improve overall fishing conditions.

George Steele, Habitat Director, reported no brushing since the work in September. The barge has been winterized. After Christmas, CFC will try to obtain surplus Christmas trees from local retailers. Shareholders are asked to drop off discarded natural trees (no tinsel, no flocking please!) at the boat ramps in the NA Section and Silvey Bridge. CFC can also arrange the pickup of trees from Shareholder lots.

November's program introduced a new format for use when external programs are unavailable. George



Steele led a discussion by members of current fishing conditions and results, including tips on fall bass and crappie fishing. Members agreed now is a great time for bass fishing. Fish being caught are very healthy and bait fish are plentiful. George noted his focus will soon change to trot-lining catfish. As a result of a member vote, CFC will prospectively refer to this program of Lake Cherokee fishing tips as "Fish Tales".

Congratulations to our Raffle winners this month: Solid Pawn Gift Bags by Gerald Lewis and Christian Godwin, a Lew's Baitcast reel by Doug Klump, and a Catfish spinning combo by Glenn Hanka. Christian Godwin won a donated Shakespeare spinning rod in a special youth square-off.

The Club encourages everyone to attend our Holiday Dinner meeting with door prizes on Monday, December 9, and support the CFC food and toy drives!



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BRIDGE CLUB

By Jeanne Collins

December, 2024

Since the Presidency has been on all our minds, here is some interesting information about a former U. S. President, Dwight Eisenhower. He was an avid bridge player and regularly held Saturday night bridge games at the White House! Ike was a Texas boy, born in Denison. His resume as President includes many impressive accomplishments – including his 1956 cross-country road trip through the United States – an epic 62 day ordeal - which resulted in his signing the bill which created the Interstate Highway system.

The Saturday night games included Generals and Heads-of-State, and one comment about his play was: "You can always judge a man's character by the way he plays cards. Eisenhower is a calm and collected player and never

whines at his losses. He is brilliant in victory but never commits the bridge player's worst crime of gloating when he wins."

Here at the CWC club we try not to gloat – but - the person with the high score for the room each Wednesday gets to put his or her name "On the Wall". Bridge play at the CWC club is very informal, and men and women of all skill levels are welcome. If you do not know how to play, we will teach you. We play every Wednesday at the CWC Library, next door to the CWC Office. We start at 11:30 am and play four rounds, usually finishing around 2:30 pm.

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The Lake Cherokee First Friends group met at Romo's Italian Restaurant downtown Longview for a delicious lunch, then walked down the street to the Longview Museum of Fine Arts to tour the Lake Cherokee Photography Exhibit. What a talented group of photographers we have living on our lake! If you haven't visited the museum, you are missing out! Go support our lake photographers and tour the exhibit as well as support our museum - it is a hidden jewel in our town and there is no cost to tour the exhibit! Attendance: Gail Fowler, Debbie Hobson, Carol Ehl, Cathy True, Judi Morgan, Brenda Carlton, Karen Franklin, Majorie Morris, Jeanne Collins, Nan Henderson, Carol Church, Lisa Goettle, Susan

Deeds and Carol Staiti. Door prizes were a fun Christmas bag full of goodies and the winners were Lisa Goettle and Cathy True.






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To register, come by the Cherokee Water Company offices at NK 20 Lake Cherokee between the hours of 8:00 am & 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.

Fee for the course is \$250.00 - due at time of registration.

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Lake Cherokee Photography Club

The November meeting of the Lake Cherokee Photography Club met November 12, at 6 PM at the lake office. We had a world tour photographically visiting Spain, Italy, Scotland, Greece, France, Africa, Caribbean, Hong Kong, Thailand, Serbia and Romania. One member had a print of his home taken by a professional using a drone. It is spectacular.

Upcoming programs:
December 10 will be the club holiday party at the Kirklands' home at NO16, at 6 PM. RSVP is required by December 8 to Ken at 903-237-8345 or Holly 903-399-0066. We are asked to BYOB and an appetizer. There will be a white elephant gift exchange. Bring your wrapped gift of \$20 or less.

January 14, 2025 will feature Marc Bailey, professional photographer who has presented to our group several times before. He is always informative and often gives classroom assignments which he evaluates results on our phone cameras.

February 11, 2015 Allan Franklin, assisted by Karen Franklin, will have a matt cutting workshop/demo. There will be materials and cutters available for everyone to have hands on experience.

March 11 2025 Deans Harkness will teach us about Photo stacking. This meeting will be at her home. She asks us to bring a macro subject like a leaf, flower or other tiny object. She has black and white backgrounds. If you want something else, it needs to be 12X12 inched in size. She suggests

that there may be time for sunset pictures, weather permitting, as sunset is expected to be about 7:30 PM.

April 8, 2025 TBD

May 13, 2025 Presentation by Patty Stewart, topic to be determined.

I hope by publishing our program schedule that other lake photographers will find our group interesting as well as informative. Most members are phone photographers, and a couple use more advanced equipment at times. We invite all lake residents to come and see what we are about. We meet at the lake office the second Tuesday of the month at 6 PM unless otherwise noted by the presenter. If you have questions, please TEXT Holly at 903-399-0066 and I will get back to

you. Information is posted on the Lake Cherokee Photography Club Facebook page. Additionally you will receive an email as a reminder of the meeting.

We invite you to visit the Longview Museum of Fine Arts on Tyler Street to view the Lake Cherokee Club exhibit. It will be up through December, and is free. Museum hours are Tuesday-Friday 10-4 PM and Saturday 10-2 PM. All images are for sale as presented and the museum staff has the price list. They would make great belated holiday gifts!



The Storr on Isle of Skye in Scotland - Deanna Harkness



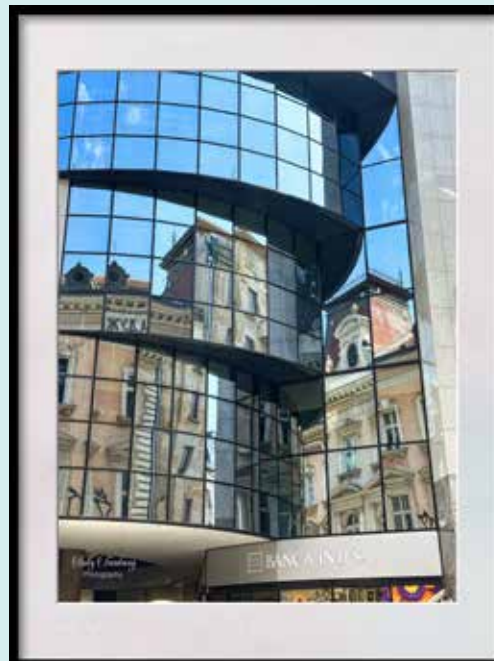
Krka National Park in Croatia - Deanna Harkness



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by Alyce Clark

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NEW YEAR'S – The course will close at 2:00 pm on NEW YEAR'S EVE. The Pro Shop will open NEW YEAR'S DAY from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and the course will be open to the public depending on the weather.

Get your marker out and put a big X on DECEMBER 14TH and join CCG for our SANTA SURPRISE Tournament. The sign-up sheet will be in the Pro Shop and the cost of the tournament is \$30.

Each person will sign up individually and there will be a random draw for teams.

The WOMEN'S group play every Tuesday morning usually @ 9:00 am or 10 am depending on the weather. Hours may vary so please call the Pro Shop for the tee time.

SATURDAY FUN BUNCH: every Saturday except for tournament days @9:00 am. It is a choose up style tournament and a lot of fun. It is a scramble format. Teams are picked randomly the morning of the tournament so plan to arrive early.

Board elections will be Thursday, February 13th. The two incumbents who will be running for reelection are Nan Friend and Danny Matherne. Ballots will be included in the December and January invoices.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, December 12th @ 6:00 pm. It is an open meeting, and all are welcome to attend and ask questions.

Thank you to all who joined us for our 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

Last month's 40th ANNIVERSARY SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT:

After a two way tie for first, 2 teams battled for 4 holes until one team was victorious.



2nd Place

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8	9 Fishing Club	10 Community Gardeners Photography Club	11 Bridge Club	12 Golf Course Board Meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18 Chatter Deadline Bridge Club	19 First Friends	20	21 1st Day of Winter
22	23	24 Christmas Eve CWC Office Closed	25 Christmas CWC Office Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31 CWC Office Closed New Year's Eve				

JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bridge Club Luncheon CWC Office Closed New Year's Day	2 Variance Deadline	3	4
5	6 Epiphany	7	8 Bridge Club	9 Golf Course Board Meeting	10	11
12	13 Fishing Club	14 Community Gardeners Photography Club	15 Chatter Deadline Bridge Club	16 First Friends CWC Board Meeting	17	18
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