

THE CHEROKEE CHATTER

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Jackson Dean (friend of Paul and Beth Matlock) caught this bass off the pier at SF8.

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Hello, Lake Cherokee Community, it's good to be back with you. This month's message will be a little different than the norm. Unfortunately, I must go over a few house cleaning items to start the month off. The CWC provides trash pickup service for our leaseholders at a very reasonable rate. We are fortunate to have this service, but it requires constant oversight to maintain its price and to keep other expenses from creeping in.

According to the CWC General Rules & Regulations, waste disposal sites are provided by CWC for household garbage only. We've started having a considerable problem with items other than household trash being placed into these dumpsters. The waste removal company can and has included additional charges when these violations occur. Another problem we face is when garbage is piled higher than the top of the waste container. The biggest violation of this particular issue is when cardboard boxes are not broken down and it only takes several large boxes to overflow these containers. This is another instance where additional charges are assessed. Waste collection is a budgeted item and every time one of these contractual violations occur, additional charges are applied. It is also imperative that the leaseholders who are having

MESSAGE from the Manager



Kevin Jones
General Manager, Lake Cherokee

any type of construction on their property, advise their contractor that in no way can any type of construction material be placed in the waste containers. When unauthorized items are placed in the containers, or when the container is overloaded, we must pull our maintenance staff off their jobs and bring a large piece of equipment to remove or compress the items. For most of the year there are plenty of containers located around the lake to contain our garbage. What we continue to see is one or two containers are overflowing and there is almost always one or two that are relatively empty. I ask that if you come to a container that is full, you move to one with vacancy.

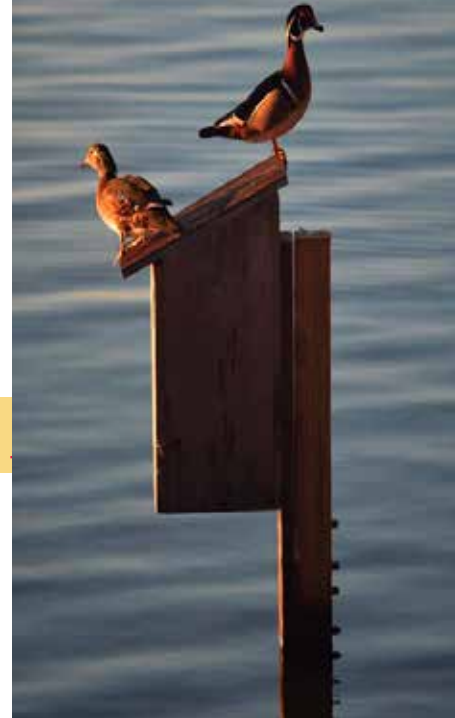
We appreciate our lake family and thank you in advance for your support in all we do.

Respectfully,

Kevin Jones, GM

Welcome to Lake Cherokee

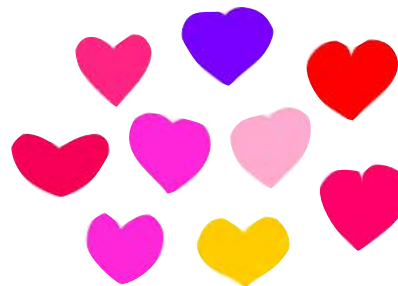
December 2024 Transfers- 4
if you have any questions
regarding a property or stock transfer,
please feel free to contact Misty Conway
at (903) 643-3933 or misty@lkcherokee.com



My Granddaughter Emerson Small hooked this beauty from our dock on Monday, December 30th. Her biggest catch yet, at 3.8 lbs, was caught with a live minnow. Proud dad, Ryan Small was ready with the net.
Poppy Cary Small, NH 13

Variance Deadlines 2025

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



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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS
CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY
Thursday, January 16, 2025**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Cherokee Water Company was held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at NK 20 Lake Cherokee, Longview Texas 75603 with the following Directors present:

Gary Mapes, President
David McDaniel, Vice President
Randy Graves, Treasurer
Dee Rea, Secretary
Kristina Coolidge
Justin Simmons
Cody Edmonson
 – arrived after the votes were cast
Cory Eason
Mary Yoder
Alan Koelemay
George Steele
Jeff Patty

President Gary Mapes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
 Dee Rea, Secretary, pronounced a quorum.

Dee Rea made a motion to approve the minutes of Board of Directors Cherokee Water Company, November 14, 2024. Second by David McDaniel. The resolution passed by unanimous consent.

General Manager's Report:

Kevin provided an operation report including stats on administrative, patrol and maintenance departments. Other items reported on:

1. Kevin gave an update on the striping of the roads. Striping will begin the week of January 27, 2025. Office will put out a communication asking shareholders to avoid and minimize traffic over the paint.

2. Railroad Commission Update was presented. All wells of concern presented to the Railroad Commission by the Cherokee Water Company were inspected and found to be in compliance.

3. Construction of the Wedding Deck at the office will begin next week.

Treasurers Report:

A motion was made by Randy Graves to certify the bills paid for the months ending October 2024, November 2024 and December 2024. Dee Rea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Randy Graves to approve reporting of Financials for October 2024, November 2024 and December 2024. George Steele seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rules, Policy & Variance Committee:

David McDaniel, Chairman
 Committee Members:
 Cody Edmonson
 Alan Koelemay
 Cory Eason
 George Steele
 Tammie Sanders, Compliance Officer

David McDaniel presented variances to the Board for consideration:

Two Variance Requests were considered.

NG 46, variance requesting to build a new boat house, 86 feet from the shoreline. The committee voted unanimously to deny the variance. David McDaniel made a motion to the Board to deny the variance, 2nd by Randy Graves. The motion passed unanimously.

NJ 12, variance requested to build a new home closer than 75 feet from the lake and 50 feet from the road. The committee visited the site and voted unanimously to approve the variance. David McDaniel made a motion to approve the variance and Alan Koelemay 2nd. The motion passed unanimously.

Natural Resources Committee Report:

Dee Rea, Chairman
 Committee Members:
 Justin Simmons
 Alan Koelemay
 David McDaniel
 Cody Edmonson

The committee met on 12/23/24 and 1/13/25. The committee discussed several topics with majority of time focused on the report from Canvas Nature Resources. On January 13, 2025, Canvas Natural Resources met with the commit-

tee /board where it was decided that a formal Forestry Management Plan was needed before moving forward.

Therefore, I present a motion to the Board to engage in a contract with Canvas Natural Resource Solutions to provide the Water Company with a Forestry Management Plan. Upon approval funds will be allocated to the budget under Lake, Grounds -Engineering line item to increase by \$50,000.00. The increase will pay for the management plan (up to \$25,00.00) and will leave \$25,00.00 to begin implementation of the plan depending on recommendations. Second was made by David McDaniel. Motion passed unanimously.

A 100-year flood plain survey was provided by the Terri Winn Engineering firm. This will provide necessary information for the Committee to begin to prioritize areas for future silt removal. Improvements to Eagle Cove was also discussed. We wish to combine the 2 creeks emptying into Eagle Cove into 1 Creek as it enters Lake Cherokee. No other actions for the board at this time.

Community Relations Committee Report:

Kristina Coolidge, Chairman, introduced the committee members:
 David McDaniel
 George Steele
 Mary Yoder
 Justin Simmons
 Cathy Hite-Ex Officio

The Committee plans on a Shareholder Survey to be conducted in 2025 in the April timeframe. It is very important that each shareholder complete the survey.

Kristina asked the Board to Mark their calendars for Wet and Wild Boat Rally held June 14 2025. The Board of Directors will host a boat house at the Water Company Office. Kristina promises the Dunking Booth will return with a surprise participant to sit in the Dunking Booth.

Other events mentioned were the Easter Egg Hunt. She asked the board for their presence at the various events.

With no other business, President Gary Mapes adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

ATTEST:

Dee Rea, Secretary

Permits	
December 2024	
Permit Type	#
Accessory Building	2
Boathouse - New	1
Boathouse - Repair	3
Demolition	1
Dirt Work / Drainage	0
Driveway / Walkway	0
Fence	4
Home Repairs / Additions	5
New Construction	0
OSSF	1
Other	1
Outdoor Enhancement	0
Pool	1
Retaining Wall	2
Total Permits	21

**LAKE CHEROKEE
SECURITY REPORT
DECEMBER 2024**

FACILITY CHECK: 1954	EXTRA PATROL: 308
OPEN DOOR: 15	DISTURBANCE: 1
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/PERSON: 5	ALARMS: 3
WELFARE CHECK: 1	VEHICLE / BOAT ACCIDENT: 2
ASSIST SHAREHOLDER: 26	WATER RESPONSE/BOAT TOW: 3
ISSUE TREE PERMIT: 9	ASSIST AGENCY: 3
ANIMAL ASSIST: 15	BURGLARY/THEFT: 0
CLEAR ROADWAY OF TREES /DEBRIS: 6	



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Winter Adjustments - Make the Most of the Slow Season

Introduction

With the start of a new year and the recent cold weather spells, working out on the lake and around your boathouse is probably not high on your to-do list. But perhaps it should be. The winter is an excellent time to make changes before the spring that help with vegetation control and attracting fish. Structural changes like deeping out around the boathouse or in front of bulkheads via dredging or mechanical removal can help with vegetation control for the upcoming season. Adding fish structure and fish feeders over the winter is a great way to attract fish to your own personal boat house and enhance fishing. Implementing one or both of these strategies is a great way to get ahead before the warm weather returns.

Dredging

Dredging is the act of removing sediment buildup in a waterbody. Typically, dredging is performed on lakes in one of two ways: hydraulic dredging or mechanical dredging. Hydraulic dredging uses a pump connected to a hose to suck up sediment deposits and organic material and pump it into a dewatering bag that can later be picked up and hauled away. This form of dredging is far less destructive and invasive and would likely be the ideal tactic for cleaning out and deepening individual boathouses. Mechanical dredging often involves the use of heavy equipment which can be damaging to the surrounding area. Mechanical dredging can also be performed with amphibious machines depending on how large of an area needs to be dredged.. With this form of dredging the sediment and organic material is often piled up to be hauled away later or loaded into trucks and hauled away at the time of removal. The benefits of dredging include deepening the water to improve boat slip access and reduce sunlight penetration for aquatic vegetation growth. Dredging also removes organic nutrient buildup which rooted submerged plants use to grow. By removing organic material from the lake, overall nutrient loading is reduced as well as localized algae and rooted vegetation growth. Dredging can be difficult and cause a lot of damage to the land if performed by heavy machinery or by inexperienced operators. With the way Lake Cherokee is structured, we would not recommend mechanical dredging by heavy equipment for most people. Dredging with

amphibious machines instead of heavy equipment would be just effective and will avoid damaging yards and potentially causing erosion in the future (which would redeposit all of the sediment that was just removed).

Attracting Fish - Habitat Enhancement and Feeders

Habitat enhancement can include many different approaches. Recent efforts from the fishing club have been focused on adding Christmas tree piles throughout the lake to improve fishing opportunities for crappie and other species. However, adding habitat throughout the lake is not the only option and individual property owners can participate in the enhancement process as well. If you are looking to improve the fishing around your private boathouse you can increase the available habitat by adding artificial structures, christmas trees, rock piles, gravel beds, ect. to attract more fish to your area. This is especially true for individuals who live on the open water portion of the lake because these areas have less shallow water and natural habitat. By adding habitat to areas that previously had little or none, the amount of fish present in the area will increase. Which can improve fishing right off of your own boathouse!

The second way to attract fish to your boathouse is through the addition of fish feeders. Now, you should not necessarily be actively feeding fish right now due to cooler temperatures but it is a good time to start preparing for spring. Once water temperatures stabilize above 60°F you can begin feeding one or twice a day to draw in more fish to your area. Fish feeders are excellent for attracting bait fish and other species such as catfish. While species like crappie and bass do not typically consume fish food an increase in baitfish around your boathouse will draw them in as well. In addition to attraction, fish feed can increase the growth rate of the fish by providing frequent easy meals. It is important to note that not all fish food is the same and therefore the feed you choose should be based on the species you want to attract and grow. For example, if you prefer fishing for sunfish, you will want to feed a sportfish feed designed for sunfish rather than a catfish feed which is lower in protein and fat.

Please reach out if you have any questions regarding habitat types, habitat design, fish feeders, or dredging.

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Lately, there have been discussions about the usage of the terms – Leaseholder vs Shareholder and which one is the more applicable or accurate term. And what are your rights and responsibilities as either a Leaseholder or Shareholder?

Actually, in my opinion both are accurate, and it depends on the context behind the conversation. If the discussion is related to the Share of Stock ownership – then the reference Shareholder is correct. If the discussion is related to your Annual Lease renewal or lease agreement, leaseholder (Lessee) is correct. In other words, they are interchangeable.

When you purchase your home at Lake Cherokee, there are (2) distinct activities that are required:

1. Closing with the title Company - Purchasing any Improvements / home on Lake Cherokee. This is the financial transaction side of the purchase.
2. Transfer with CWC/ Misty - You sign your original lease agreement and your CWC Share of Stock. For purposes of calculating your interest, it is 1 share out of 1494 shares.

The CWC Bylaws state the Share of Stock must be held in the name of only one person. "Person" as used in this section means a natural person. (*Article 2. Sec1*) Therefore, if you have properties in a trust for estate planning purposes, it is important to have a conversation with your family regarding who will be named as shareholder for your Lake Cherokee Property. In the event of a death, you have a year and a day to transfer the lot.

(General Provisions B.1)

The CWC Rules and Regulations (General Provisions A.4) states that if a Shareholder becomes 30 days delinquent in payment of lease rental, fines or other penalties ... shall forfeit ownership of capital stock in the corporation and such delinquent shareholder's lease on the lot shall immediately terminate without further action. Simply stated, you need to be in good standing with CWC to retain your share of stock. As far as I know, CWC or the Board have never acted on this after 30 days. In the office, we send out reminders and other requests to shareholders to address issues in a timely manner. By holding a share of stock, you can attend the Annual Shareholders meet-

Cathy Hite

CWC Office Manager Article



Cathy Hite
Office Manager, Lake Cherokee

ing, in November of each year, either in person or by proxy. At the Annual Shareholders meeting, Shareholders of record can vote to elect directors and participate in any other business presented for discussion at Shareholders Meeting. In addition, as shareholders you are entitled to a copy of the corporation's financial statements. (*Bylaws, Article 3 sec. 1*)

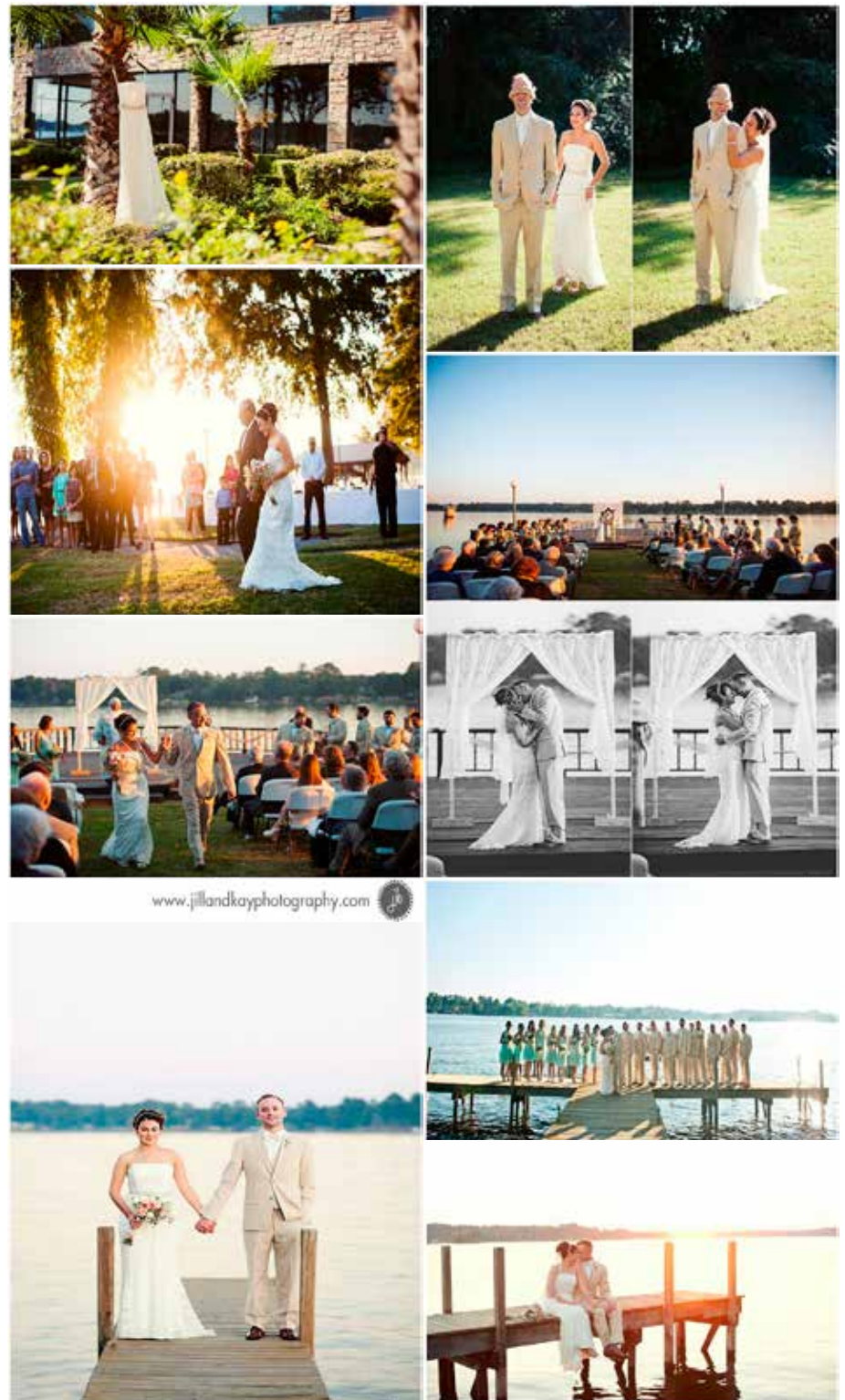
The Board of Directors meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month. These meetings are open for Shareholders / Leaseholders to attend to hear the business of the board. The Board has an open forum after the formal business meeting, if you have a question or topic you wish to discuss with the board. The minutes of these meetings are always published in the Chatter each month.

As a Leaseholder by signing the Lease Agreement, you have the responsibility to comply with the rules and regulations in force including any future amendments. You as the shareholder are also responsible for ensuring that any person holding privilege cards through you will comply with the rules and regulations.

As a Leaseholder you are responsible for the improvements on your property including any maintenance required on the property. Examples, include mowing your property, handling of debris from trees, keeping culverts clear to minimize drainage issues with your neighbors.

I am a shareholder, leaseholder and employee of Cherokee Water Corporation. I love living at Lake Cherokee and enjoying the company of my wonderful neighbors and friends. I hope you feel the same.

Cathy



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*Do you live on the lake full-time (y/n) _____

*How long have you been a shareholder? _____

*How often do you fish? _____

*Preferred Species _____

*Program topic suggestions _____

Reason for joining our club _____

Additional Family Members

Name _____ Relationship _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Lot # _____

Email _____

Telephone # _____ Cell # _____

Name _____ Relationship _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Lot # _____

Email _____

Telephone # _____ Cell # _____

Use reverse side for additional family members.

Bring this membership form to a monthly meeting or mail membership with a \$20.00 check for each adult member. Junior Fishermen age fourteen and under, \$10.00 each. Checks should be made out to the "Cherokee Fishing Club."

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Cherokee Fishing Club

SD 14 Lake Cherokee

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Pays for annual membership for January-December calendar year.

For more information, call Genia Holland @ 903-738-2444



Cherokee Fishing Club

By Bryce Tawney – Secretary

Cherokee Fishing Club (CFC) News
February 2025

By Bryce Tawney – Secretary

CFC's January Meeting kicked off the new year in grand fashion. There were 43 members and family, including 13 new members! The beef stew prepared by Pete and Carol Staiti was a big hit. Desserts and additional sides were provided by Cookie People Genia Holland, Pete and Carol, Larry Willis, Gwen Kozeluh, and Lori Klump.

CFC welcomes new members Charlie Hamm, Gary Baker, Kathy Baker, Tye Baker, Ashlie Baker, Eric Nichols, Jerry Ferguson, Cary Small, Kevin Stagner, Adrian Blackmon, Mary Cravey, Michael Harris, and Linda Steele.

President Genia Holland noted membership renewals are due for 2025 and a membership form is available in this month's Chatter. She informed us that the new owners of Jones Supply on Hwy 149 have aspirations for manufacturing at the site including fire pits and the possibility of selling live bait. Genia encouraged members to drop by Jones Supply to inspire the selling of live bait to support Lake Cherokee and area fishing. Genia contacted Hi-Yah Bait Company for possible CFC meeting programs. Genia welcomes program suggestions, including topics to increase youth membership in CFC. CFC will hold the Spring Memorial Bass Tournament on March 22, 2025, including a post-tournament event featuring door prizes for tournament



registrants and participants. Rules and Entry Forms are available in this month's Chatter.

Gary Lindsey, Hatchery Director, advised the ponds' water levels were lowered as part of normal winter maintenance, and to protect the piping and the water pump.

George Steele, Habitat Director, reported CFC obtained around 25 Christmas trees from Shareholders and Tractor Supply of Tatum. He is planning for a Habitat work day or two in January. CFC members or shareholders who want to volunteer to place brush can contact George directly.

Bryce Tawney, Secretary/Treasurer, provided a financial update for November and December. Bryce obtained a motion and a second to approve the updated CFC Constitution and Bylaws. A member vote was taken resulting in unanimous approval. Bryce advised he would be using the Cherokee portal to provide access to CFC forms and documents, and encouraged members to join the CFC Group within the portal. Bryce advised the Tournament Rules and Entry Forms are being revised to require the tournament registrant or one team participant to be a member of the CFC. This change is necessary to ensure CFC compliance with IRS guidelines for 501(c)7 tax-exempt organizations.

The "Fish Tales" program included bass caught on soft plastics, blue catfish on trotlines, and crappie with minnows.

Congratulations to our Raffle winners this month: Gift Bags by John Jaskiewicz, Logan Lobue, and Eric Nichols, and a 13 Fishing rod by Bryce Tawney.

CFC looks forward to seeing everyone on Monday, February 10, including any shareholders who want to join or visit!!



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BRIDGE CLUB
 By Jeanne Collins

February, 2025 issue

Our first luncheon Wednesday of 2025 was on January 8, and it was a bittersweet way to start the new year. Recently, we lost one of our long-time members, Debbie Hobson, and we used this time to memorialize her. Members of our group spoke of funny and sweet remembrances of this self-less lady, and Fredna Harris gave a brief devotional. Debbie's cousin from California, Wendy, and her husband John, were in town and came to join us. Also present were Angie and Larry Gideon, neighbors and caregivers for Debbie, along with another caregiver, Carol. It was a warm and meaningful time for all of us.

When our group meets every Wednesday, we not only enjoy the fun and challenge of the game, but we also meet new people, renew acquaintances and forge sincere friendships. Bridge Wednesday is a pivotal part of our week and our lives.

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

If you would like to join in, please do not hesitate to just show up on any Wednesday. We look forward to meeting you!



Jeanne Collins, Joy Tate, Beth Schreiber, Fredna Harris



NorVella Skarda, Danny Coats, Joyce Martin



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John, Wendy, Carol, Angie and Larry



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CWC Spring Clean- Up Friday, April 11th – Sunday April 13st

During this period, both the North Side and South Side roll-off container sites will be open between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm Friday and Saturday and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Sunday. The sites will be manned by CWC employees. Residents may bring up to two (2) pickups full (approximately 6 yards) of non-hazardous household waste to the container sites for free disposal. If you need more than six (6) yards, please call the CWC office to make arrangements. All waste must originate from leased property at Lake Cherokee.

Rather than list what we will be accepting, let me list what we will not be able to accept. We will not be accepting any of the following:

- Hazardous materials of any kind

- Liquids of any kind (examples: paint, solvents, cooking oil, etc.)
- Items that contain PCB's (i.e., transformers)
- Yard waste such as trees, limbs, grass clippings, etc.
- Shingles and roofing materials
- Tires
- Mattresses
- Dishwashers
- Construction Material
- Mini Refrigerators

Many of you wish we could accept yard waste and tree limbs, etc., unfortunately we cannot. To help with this problem, the CWC has arranged for shareholders to obtain, from the CWC office, landfill vouchers to dispose of these items at Pine

Hill Landfill. These vouchers are good for two (2) trips per year. Please call us for details of this program.

Through special arrangements, we will be able to accept some items that are not allowed at the landfill.

These include:

- Some appliances including those that contain Freon such as air conditioners.
- Vehicle batteries will only be received at the north side disposal site

To participate in the cleanup, you must bring the items for disposal and proof that you are a shareholder at Lake Cherokee to the disposal sites during the dates and times given above. Proof may be in the form of a Privilege Card showing

you are a shareholder or shareholder's spouse. In addition, a valid DL or other photo ID is required. If the shareholder or shareholder's spouse will not be present (i.e., you have arranged for someone else to transport your material for disposal,) you will need to call the office and make arrangements. This cleanup is for household waste only from the shareholder's Lake Cherokee lot. No commercial disposal will be allowed.

Please take this opportunity to improve our environment, improve the quality of life for all of us on the lake and protect our community.

CWC BOARD COMMITTEES 2024-2025

CWC Board Committees 2024-2025	Chairperson	Additional Members	Responsibility
Executive Committee	Gary Mapes	David McDaniel Randy Graves Dee Rea	Oversee the functions, operations and activities of the Board and its committees.
Ethics Committee	Randy Graves	Jeff Patty Dee Rea Justin Simmons Geroge Steele	Ensure the highest standards of ethics and integrity are applied and adhered to throughout all activities of the CWC Board and each individual board member in accordance with CWC Ethics Policy and Procedures.
Finance/Risk Management Committee	Randy Graves	Gary Mapes David McDaniel Dee Rea Jeff Patty Cathy Hite - ex officio	Review financial, insurance and risk management matters that need consideration prior to submission to the Board, and coordinate and review the annual budget and the annual audit as submitted by the appointed outside auditors.
Strategic Planning Committee	Jeff Patty	Mary Yoder Kristina Coolidge Dee Rea Cory Eason Kevin Jones - ex officio	Make recommendations to the board related to mission, vision, strategic initiatives, major programs and services. Help management identify critical strategic issues. Assist in analysis of alternative strategic options.
Rules and Policies Committee	David McDaniel	Cody Edmonson Alan Koelemay George Steele Cory Eason	Support the development and revision of bylaws, rules, policies and procedures which serve the growth and development of CWC and ensure they are applied in a fair and consistent manner. Review Variances submitted for approval and make recommendations to the Board.
Natural Resources Committee	Dee Rea	David McDaniel Justin Simmons Cody Edmonson Alan Koelemay	Advise the board on natural resource related issues. Report the current status of natural resources to board. Monitor planned development or projects which may affect the status of natural resources including beautification and other matters.
Infrastructure Committee	George Steele	Cody Edmonson Alan Koelemay Cory Eason Mary Yoder	Research and advise the board on matters pertaining to road and boat ways including but not limited to maintenance, traffic, regulation, signage, access and parking.
Community Relations Committee	Kristina Coolidge	David McDaniel George Steele Mary Yoder Justin Simmons Cathy Hite - ex officio	Encourage communication and participation between shareholders, the BOD and CWC staff. Research and identify means of assuring continued cooperation among different groups



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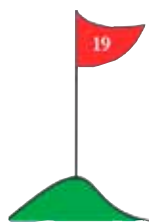
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NEWS FROM THE 19TH HOLE

by Alyce Clark

The Pro Shop hours for February are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesdays through Sunday. The Pro Shop is closed if the temperature is below 45 degrees and on Mondays for course maintenance.

PRESIDENT'S DAY - The Pro Shop will be closed. The course will be open to Members Only.

Join us **FEBRUARY 15th** for our **PRESIDENT'S DAY 4 Ball High Lo** (4 person team) starting at 10:00 am depending on the weather. The sign up sheet will be in the Pro Shop and the cost of the tournament will be \$30.

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

SATURDAY FUN BUNCH: every Saturday except for tournament days @ 10:00 am depending on weather. It is a choose up style tournament and a lot of fun. 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 February invoices.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, February 13th @ 6:00 pm. It is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend and ask questions.

Sadly, due to weather CCGA was forced to cancel our **FREEZE YOUR FANNY** tournament we hope we will see you in February for the **PRESIDENT'S DAY** tournament

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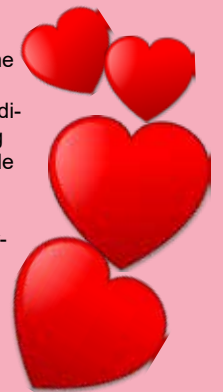
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Facts about Love

When did it all start?

There are various theories on the origin of Valentine's Day, but the most popular dates back to the time of the Roman Empire during the reign of Claudius II, 270 A.D. Claudius didn't want men to marry during wartime because he believed single men made better soldiers. Bishop Valentine went against his wishes and performed secret wedding ceremonies. For this, Valentine was jailed and then executed by order of the Emperor on Feb. 14. While in jail, he wrote a love note to the jailor's daughter, signing it, "From your Valentine." Sound familiar?



More Valentine's Day-related history

The ancient Romans celebrated the Feast of Lupercalia on Feb. 14 in honor of Juno, the queen of the Roman gods and goddesses. Juno was also the goddess of women and marriage.

Many believe the X symbol became synonymous with the kiss in medieval times. People who couldn't write their names signed in front of a witness with an X. The X was then kissed to show their sincerity.

- Girls of medieval times ate bizarre foods on St. Valentine's Day to make them dream of their future spouse.
- In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who would be their Valentine. They would wear this name pinned onto their sleeves for one week for everyone to see. This was the origin of the expression "to wear your heart on your sleeve."
- In 1537, England's King Henry VII officially declared Feb. 14 the holiday of St. Valentine's Day.

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Birthday: _____ Spouses Birthday: _____

Age group: 20-30 _____ 30-40 _____ 40-50 _____ 50-60 _____ 60-70 _____ 70+ _____

Number of dependent children: _____

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Lake or personal interests:

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Scheduled Events

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NEW: Registrant or One Team Member must have 2025 CFC Membership

Spring Memorial Bass Tournament Entry Form

March 22, 2025

Event Start Time

6:30 A.M.

Event Weigh-in Time

Opens 1:00 P.M. Must be in weigh-in line by 3:00 P.M.

Team Members

Name: _____ Name: _____

Cherokee Fishing Club Member Information (CFC Member is Shareholder/Privilege Card holder/CWC Employee) Adult Member \$20 (Youth Member \$10)

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Lake Lot #: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Entry Fee is \$50.00 for a boat/ 2-member team or single-lone fisherman.

CFC Membership: _____ Entry Fee: _____ Donation to Hatchery: _____

Total Amount Paid: _____

Mail entry form to Cherokee Fishing Club, SD 14 Lake Cherokee, Henderson, TX 75652, must be received by Thursday, before tournament. Or drop off at CWC Office, no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday before tournament.

For questions, call David Wilson 903-235-6458 or Genia Holland 903-738-2444.

I have read and understand the tournament rules and also agree, I am responsible for my team and actions of the team. In the event of injury, death or property damage, I the above signed do fully release and discharge the Cherokee Fishing Club, its officers, members and the Cherokee Water Company, its board of Directors and employees from any and all claims, demands, and/or causes of actions, including court cost and attorney fees.

CHEROKEE FISHING CLUB

CFC BASS TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

CHANGE FOR 2025: Cherokee Fishing Club's 501(c)7 IRS Tax-Exempt Status restricts the amount of money derived from non-members' use of Club services. The Fishing Tournament Registrant or One Team member must be a current paid member of the Cherokee Fishing Club. The Annual adult membership of \$20 (\$10 Youth) is used for member activities including running and sponsoring the fishing tournaments.

- A. Tournament length and bag limits for Bass – Black, Spotted, Florida, or any combination thereof.
1. Fish must be a minimum of fourteen (14)" or greater in length.
 2. Bag limit five (5) fish per boat.
 3. No dead fish allowed at the weigh-in. Dead fish will be assessed a weight penalty.
- B. Tournament Rules
1. No more than two people per boat.
 2. Winning places to be paid will be determined by the Tournament Director and in the absence of the Tournament Director, an officer of the CFC.
 3. All weigh-in results of the Tournament Scale are official. Any protests must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director at the time of weigh-in. The Tournament Director's decision will be final.
 4. Prizes will be awarded based on team results on the heavy stringer. The Tournament Director may have individual prizes based on heaviest Bass, 2nd Heaviest Bass, and additional levels of Heaviest Bass.
 5. No Fishing is allowed within 100 yards of the tournament weigh-in location
 6. Fisherman must be in the Weigh-In line no later than the designated time of the end of the tournament.
 7. The Cherokee Fishing Club does not provide tournament weigh-in bags and all fish must be placed in a tournament bag, with sufficient water to keep the fish alive during the weigh-in process.
 8. Entry fees will not be refunded unless the tournament is canceled or postponed by the CFC President or CFC Tournament Director.
- C. General Rules
1. All Texas rules of the Texas Water Safety Act will apply to all tournaments. The CWC Lake Patrol will enforce the CWC Rules, TP&W Rules and Regulations, and Texas Water Safety Act.
 2. Each boater must wear a USCG-approved life vest any time the main motor is started or running. Inflatable life vests are permitted, provided they are worn at all times.
 3. No alcohol or drugs are allowed while fishing in the tournament. Violations will result in disqualification.
 4. Any person found to be cheating or endangering watercraft, its occupants, or the property of others will be disqualified and may be banned from all Cherokee Fishing Club events.
 5. All participants must display good sportsmanship. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including cheating, harassment, or verbal/physical interference with tournament weigh-in or with other participants, will result in disqualification.
 6. Participants may fish from the bank, a dock, a boat, canoes, kayaks, rubber rafts, and float tubes.

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For our January First Friends meeting - we traveled south to Carthage for lunch at the Grind & Grain Restaurant and then over to the Tex Ritter Museum. Wow - what a wonderful experience as we took a walk down memory lane touring the museum and listening to tunes we all remember from the good ole days. Our lunch was a hit as well with unique items on the menu..... such as wrapped fried pickles that you have NEVER seen before and yummy too! The group in attendance were: Judi Morgan, Gail Fowler, Penny Dant, Nan Henderson, Margorie Morris, Teresa Davis, Debby Hanka, Dolores Toon and Hostesses Roxanne Lane-Brink & Karen Franklin. Door prize winners were Delores Toon and Gail Fowler. If you want to join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month for casual fellowship and activities - contact anyone in the group for details or join our Facebook page at First Friends (Lake Cherokee) or send me an email to be added to our First Friends email list.



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Lake Cherokee Photography Club

The Lake Cherokee Photography Club met on Tuesday January 14, 2025. To start the year off right, we had a presentation by Marc Baily, professional photographer. He presented the history of photography from the 1600's to the present. He provided a visual representation of each of the inventions and the inventors. There was discussion from the group, especially around old cameras and film as those became available. He found that the first photographic image took 8 hours too make. How lucky we are now to see things immediately. We thank you for that history. In addition, he showed us a bit about lighting and portraiture by demonstrating with a group member and having examples to show. We always enjoy Marc's presentations and are delighted he offers his time to us. He also showed the first image of earth from the moon.

February 11, 2025 Allan Franklin and Karen Franklin will teach us how to cut mats. This will be an demonstration as well as a hands on experience. There will be 3 matt cutters available and matt board precut to size, so we can focus on learning how to cut the window to size, and other matting techniques. We will meet at the lake office.

March 11, 2025 Deanna Harkness will introduce us to photo stacking at her home. She has asked us to bring a small subject to work with like a leaf, flower, or other tiny object. She has black and white backgrounds available, but if you prefer a different color, it needs to be 12x12 inches. We may have time to photograph sunset as well.



Holly Treadway images

April 8, 2025 Photo Shoot/ portraits at the pier and boat at the Harkness's. Deanna is offering her small rowboat as a prop for practicing photographing people. She hopes we can get the picture of people in a boat that we see in the movies! You are welcome to bring props too.

May 13, 2025 Patty Stewart will present although we are still anticipating her topic.

June 10, 2025 Marc Bailey has kindly agreed to do another presentation. I expect he will send us outside with our phone cameras to practice what he teaches.

July 12, 2025 Tentative Pliny Meyer, nature and birding photographer to speak to us. Topic to be determined.

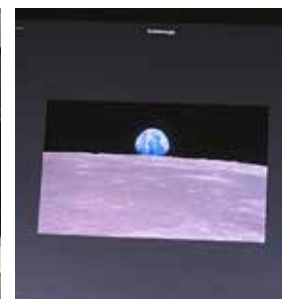
August 12, 2025 Not yet scheduled

Our exhibit at the Longview Museum of Fine Arts has closed. It was well received and a learning experience for the group. We thank the museum for the beautiful presentation of our work.

We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6PM. We meet in the downstairs meeting room at the lake office NK20, unless

otherwise noted. As you can see, we are trying to have educational programs by professionals as well as group members. We all have experiences to share. Most group members are phone photographers with a few exceptions who prefer using digital cameras and interchangeable lenses.

If you have any questions, please TEXT me at 903-399-0066, as my phone has a blocker, or email me at greytbiker@yahoo.com and put "photo club" in subject line and I will get back to you.



Patty Stewart images

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Preservation Club

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

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First Friends

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Chocolate

- Casanova, well known as "The World's Greatest Lover," ate chocolate to make him virile.
- Physicians of the 1800s commonly advised their patients to eat chocolate to calm their pining for lost love.
- Richard Cadbury produced the first box of chocolates for Valentine's Day in the late 1800s.
- More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day.
- Over \$1 billion worth of chocolate is purchased for Valentine's Day in the U.S.

Flowers

Thirty-nine percent of people anticipated buying flowers for Valentine's in 2024. The total spend on those flowers was expected to be \$2.6 billion. Men are far more likely to buy flowers or plants than women — 60% to 33%, respectively. Roses are the most popular Valentine's flower, with over 250 million produced exclusively for the holiday each

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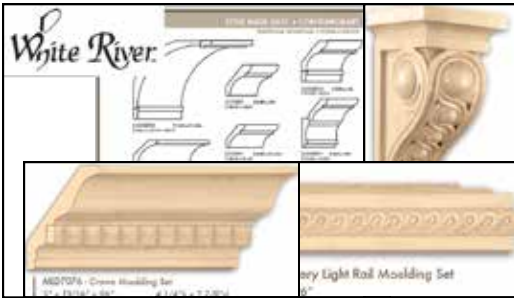
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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MARCH 2025

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