



**Lease Renewal
Reminder**

Payment is due April 1st for those shareholders that took advantage of the split payment option for the annual 2023-2024 lease renewal (\$750). If payment is not received in the CWC office by April 30th, 2024, a \$100 late fee will incur.



The Cherokee CHATTER

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MESSAGE

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Kevin Jones
General Manager, Lake Cherokee

Hello Lake Cherokee family, happy April. Summer's almost here, and the lake is about to get busy. Our maintenance department has been working hard to get the boat roads repaired and ready for boat traffic. You will be seeing them out on the water quite a bit this summer ensuring the boat roads are maintained, well lit and safe for the shareholders.

In late March, our lake biologist added 500 grass carp in several areas around the lake to get a jump start on this year's vegetation. They also sprayed several areas and some coves for vegetation in late March. We want to kick off the spraying a little earlier this year to try and get ahead of the growth. Garrett and Dustin of Pristine Ponds want to open a communication line between the shareholders and themselves and welcome questions that you might have. They have created an email address specifically for shareholders to ask questions about Lake Cherokee. The email address is

garrett@pristinepondsolutions.com

I would ask that you are patient for Garrett's response, not only because we are only one of his clients, and I'm sure his inbox will be inundated with emails after this newsletter comes out.

In other news, I have moved the Lake Patrol Office into the library building (NK 21) next to our main office. Having a centralized office for the patrolmen gives management the ability to save overhead cost, and encourage greater communication between employees, management, and shareholders, and will improve the efficiency of the patrol operations. For years we have shared two buildings for patrol, one for supervisors (library) and the other (maintenance building by Silvey Bridge) for the patrol officers. This change was greatly needed.

As a reminder, here is the direct number for Lake Patrol, 903-643-7321. During office hours, this number is answered by the lake office who will dispatch Lake Patrol as needed. After business hours and on weekends/holidays, this number will be answered by a Lake Patrolman.

Let's get ready for a great summer.

Respectfully,

Kevin Jones



*Bikini Island - ready for Summer fun.
Thank you to CWC Maintenance for a great job.*



1989

**Remember
when there
was a pool
and a Coke
machine at
NK20?**

**The year was
1989.**



2024

CODE COMPLIANCE CORNER



Tammie Sanders
CWC Code Compliance Officer

Recently, there have been several cases where work is being performed without a permit. Friendly reminder regarding the rules regarding construction.

The shareholder must secure a permit before constructing any structure, making any repairs, renovations and/or improvements to any existing structure, placing any structure of any description, or making site modifications on any lot on CWC property. This does not apply to interior remodeling, exterior painting, landscaping, or yard maintenance. No new permit will be issued to a shareholder until existing permits and/or any violations are completed or cleared. (Section IV.B)

- Work must be commenced within ninety (90) days from the date on which the permit is issued. (Section IV.C)
- For a residential structure, all exterior construction must be completed within twelve (12) months. For all other non-residential structures, all work must be completed within six (6) months. Permit extensions may be issued at the discretion of the General Manager or his/her designee for verifiable delays. If a permit extension is granted, the work must be completed within 12 months of the extension date. Any further extensions that are granted will be for 6 months at a time. The first extension will be half the cost of the original permit, the second extension will cost the same as the original permit. Failure to comply with the above timeline requirements will result in fines of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per month. Any work which commences without the issuance of an appropriate permit may be immediately stopped by the General or his/her designated representatives. (Section IV.C)



We have a lot of maps. Stop by and get one.

February 2024	
Permit Type	#
Accessory Building	4
Boathouse - New	1
Boathouse - Repair	4
Demolition	0
Driveway / Walkway	6
Fence	0
Home Repairs / Additions	6
New Construction	2
OSSF	3
Other	2
Outdoor Enhancement	1
Pool	0
Retaining Wall	0
Total Permits	29

LAKE CHEROKEE SECURITY REPORT FEBRUARY 2024

FACILITY CHECK: 1653	EXTRA PATROL: 59
OPEN DOOR: 7	ALARMS: 3
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/PERSON: 6	VEHICLE/BOAT ACCIDENT: 1
ASSIST SHAREHOLDER: 29	WATER RESPONSE/BOAT TOW: 2
ISSUE TREE PERMIT: 22	CODE VIOLATIONS: 1
ANIMAL ASSIST: 3	ASSIST AGENCY: 6
CLEAR ROADWAY OF TREES/DEBRIS: 5	

Variance Request Deadlines

VARIANCE DEADLINE	BOARD MEETING
April 1st	April 18th
April 29th	May 16th
June 3rd	June 20th
July 1st	July 18th
July 29th	August 15th
September 3rd	September 19th
September 30th	October 17th
October 28th	November 14th

Board of Directors Minutes

Due to an illness, the Board of Directors Meeting minutes didn't make the deadline. The March and April minutes will be posted next month.



*Photo by Monica Goodwin
SG 32*

Pinehill Landfill



Republic Services and the Pinehill Landfill offer the shareholders of Lake Cherokee a unique additional service to your sanitation service. Each household may use a voucher issued at the lake office to bring three cubic yards of waste to the landfill at no charge, twice per year. For this program, the year will run from May 1st thru April 30th.

MATERIAL NOT ACCEPTED AT THE PINEHILL LANDFILL

- Liquids of any kind. (ex: used oil, cooking oil, paint, solvents, engine oil or lubricants)
- Tires
- Items that contain Freon
(ex: air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers)
- Batteries
- PCB's (ex: transformers)

Note: Will Accept Mattresses (\$65 charge)

LAKE CHEROKEE ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A pickup bed level full is considered 3 yards.
- All partial pickup loads will be considered as 3 yards
- All loads **exceeding three yards** will be billed at the established current gate rate three yard minimum. This minimum will fluctuate monthly due to the Fuel Recovery Fee that is calculated monthly.
- ORIGINAL VOUCHER ONLY No photocopies
- VALID DRIVERS' LICENSE OR ID CARD REQUIRED

For additional information and hours of operation please feel free to contact the Pinehill Landfill Manager, Bill Bybel @ (903) 984-3922

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Spring Clean up	April 19 - 21, 2024
Boater Education Course	June 1, 2024
Wet-N-Wild Boat Rally	June 8, 2024
Boat Parade	July 6, 2024
Fireworks Spectacular	July 6, 2024
Family Fun Fest	August 31, 2024
Fall Bass Tournament	October 19, 2024
Fall Clean up	October 18—20, 2024
Chili Fest	November 9, 2024

CWC Spring Clean- Up Friday, April 19th – Sunday April 21st

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 Materials

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

the 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, refrigerators, and freezers
- 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.

2024 Fuel Center Hours

(Weather permitting)
Credit/Debit Card ONLY
Oil \$10 - Seafoam \$13 - Ice \$2.50

Springtime hours: March 1st - May 1st

Tuesday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Saturday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Summer hours: May 1st – Sept 30th

Monday closed Tuesday - Friday 2:00 pm - 6:00pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Sunday 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Holiday dates/hours:

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Thursday, July 4th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Monday, September 2nd 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Fall hours: Oct 1st – Oct 31st

Tuesday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Saturday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

November 1st – February 28th

CLOSED - Watch for pop-up dates/hours!

Lake Cherokee Photography Club

The March meeting of the Lake Cherokee Photography Club was held on March 12, 2024 at the lake office at 6 P.M. We continued to discuss details related to the show, which has now been moved toward summer due to the museum's schedule.

We looked at possible entries in print and projected. There were a wide range of images reflecting the lake as well as lake property areas. We have decided to modify the show title to "Life at Lake Cherokee". This would include subjects such as the lake, animal life, birds, bugs and plants/flowers on Lake Cherokee property.

The images must be 8x10, or larger, matted white or gallery white, in a black frame. Printing and framing is at your own expense. It is a good idea to consider a title, and write a short statement about it. The Museum will need that when the images are hung. Remember to get permission from any person clearly recognizable in your image.

We invite any photographer interested in this process to join our group by attending our meetings. It would be important to see all entries as a whole, to provide the best balance. Unlike last year's calendar process, dropping off images without being part of the

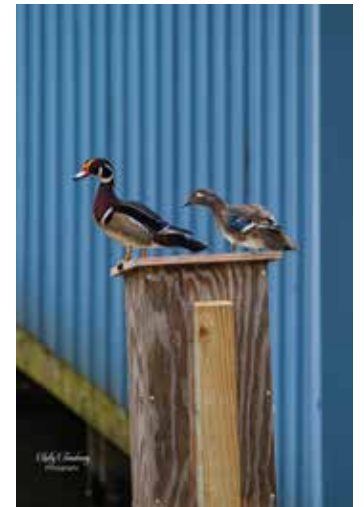
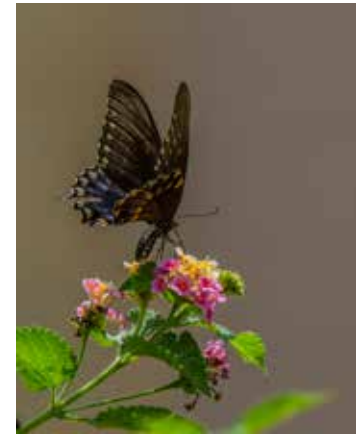
culling process is not possible. If you want to participate, but can not make the time of the meeting due to work schedule, please contact Holly and we may be able to review your potential entries at our next meeting.

We continued with critique of images at the meeting. Some had a lot of discussion, some not so much. The Art projector we are using does not always project all the pictures on the SD card or thumb drive. Printing quick prints on computer paper as back up worked this time.

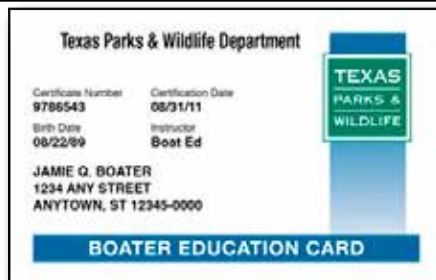
Please feel free to attend the April meeting on April 9, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. downstairs at the lake office. We would like to meet and see many of you who post regularly on the lake Facebook sites. I know there are images that would look good in the show. We are a self directed group with no dues or food requirements.

If you have questions, please text Holly at 903-399-0066 and she will text or call, whichever you indicate.

Images by Holly Treadway



Who needs the Boater Education card? It's the LAW!



Operators must meet the age and boater education requirements shown below in order to operate any of the following vessels legally in Texas:

- A powerboat powered by a motor of more than 15 horsepower or...
- A personal watercraft or...
- A windblown vessel over 14 feet in length.

A person less than 13 years of age may operate only if he or she is supervised by a person who:

- Is 18 years of age or older and...
- Can lawfully operate the watercraft and...
- Is on board when the vessel is underway.

A person at least 13 years of age and born on or after September 1, 1993, may operate without supervision only if he or she has passed a boater education course that is accepted by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Save the date: The Boater Education Course has been set for Saturday, June 1st, 2024 at CWC, NK 20.

REGISTRATION FOR THIS COURSE IS NOW OPEN -
PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED <https://tpwd.elementlms.com/course/boater-education-classroom-course-2340/>

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This includes articles for clubs, submitted travel photos, submitted fishing photos, Shopper's Corner, Bulletin Board, and regular ads, and any other Chatter related questions or needs.

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NEXT CHATTER DEADLINE
APRIL 17

Welcome to Lake Cherokee

February 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.

LIGHT POLLUTION AT LAKE CHEROKEE?

The issue of light pollution has been brought to the CWC Board by Shareholders. Spotlights shining on neighbors' property, outside lights left on all night, bright lights that shine across the lake from one side to another are all common complaints to the office and the Board.

No matter what your environmental views are on the issue, to one degree or another, Lake Cherokee does have light pollution. Three main components make up the issue:

1. Sky glow or brightening of the night sky over inhabited areas.
2. Light trespass or light that shines where it is not needed or wanted.
3. Glare or excessive brightness that causes visual irritation.

Factoid(s):

- In 2021, 17 states considered forty bills with reference to light pollution.
- Municipalities in a number of states have also been active on this issue, adopting regulations as part of their zoning codes.
- Studies show that brighter lighting does not mean improved security.

Does CWC need to implement another rule to address this? Some take the attitude that "hey, I can do what want on my lot" or "it's none of your business." The Board would rather take the route of education vs regulation through more rules. We are offering a few suggestions to minimize the light impact on your neighbors and our lake community. Look around your lot at primarily outdoor lights and see if you can help by:

- Turning off lights when going to bed or setting a time (11 PM or Mid-night) to turn off outdoor lights.
- If you feel the need to keep lights on, consider installing light shields on outdoor lights to direct the light downward to a specific area of concern.
- Install lights with motion sensors to come on when activity is detected but only for a specified length of time.

Be a good neighbor. Reduce outdoor lighting so everyone can enjoy being outside at night and we can all see the beautiful stars above. Education before regulation is the goal of the CWC Staff and Board. If there is an issue that can't be resolved by working together the Board encourages you to contact the Compliance Officer. The Board has full confidence in, and stands behind, the CWC Staff in addressing Shareholder concerns. Let's all work together.



Excessive Lighting



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Introduction

As the new managers of Lake Cherokee our goal is to provide education and build relationships with all of the lake's members. We have had multiple meetings with the fishing club and were fortunate enough to meet several of you guys out on the water during our first electrofishing survey of 2024. Over the course of the year we will be providing monthly educational articles to unify the neighborhood and create a management plan that benefits the needs of everyone. This month we will be discussing the current status of the fishery and plans moving forward.

Lake Overview

Lake Cherokee is a very diverse fishery with multiple creeks supplying many unique species. Predatory fish present in the lake as seen in recent surveys include pickerel, bowfin, largemouth bass, sand bass, channel catfish, gar, and black and white crappie. Forage species include longear, redbreast, redbreast, bluegill, threadfin, and gizzard shad. Other species collected include dollar sunfish, warmouth, common carp, and brown bullhead. The overall species diversity provides a number of angling opportunities for residents.

The Data

Since April 2023, we have conducted three electrofishing surveys and received over 400 data points from angler catch records. This information has given us an excellent view of the current condition of the sportfish and forage in the lake. We used relative weight to evaluate the health of several species. Relative weight is a percentage derived by comparing what a fish weighs to what it should weigh based on its length.

Largemouth Bass

Largemouth bass are a favorite target among many anglers in Lake Cherokee. Over the last year, we have evaluated over 400 largemouth bass. A majority of fish captured were 11-17 inches in length with an average relative weight of 88.4% among all fish sampled. This means that the average bass in the lake is 11.6% underweight. Underweight fish are a result of overpopulation and competition with other predators.

Crappie

Crappie are another angler favorite on Lake Cherokee. Well over 150 crappie have been collected and evaluated for overall health. A majority of crappie captured during our surveys and in angler records were less than 11 inches in length and had relative weight values of 88% or less. Crappie are significantly overpopulated, and their abundance is impacting their size as well as bass health.

Forage

The predominant forage species present in the lake are bluegill, threadfin, and gizzard shad. Redear and other species are present in moderate to low densities. Forage abundance is currently moderate and greatly dependent on predator populations. Overpopulated predators such as bass and crappie will reduce the abundance of bluegill, shad, and other species.

Management for the Future

Bass and crappie present in the lake are underweight which is common in underharvested waters. Improving the size and overall health of these sportfish is a priority for enhancing the fishing in Lake Cherokee. Selective harvest of bass in the 10-17 inch range will be important for improving overall size. Catch and release practices, despite their popularity among professional bass fisherman, will lead to the decline of fish health over time. Harvest rates for bass on Lake Cherokee should exceed 1,000 pounds per year (standard harvest rates are 10-30 pounds per habitable acre per year). As harvest rates increase and stunted bass are removed, introduction of new genetics will occur over time to improve trophy bass potential. Crappie are significantly overpopulated and with females capable of producing over 150,000 eggs per year, intensive harvest will be required to control their population. We recommend removing every crappie caught regardless of size. Forage fish populations will be supplemented with brood ponds and will also increase as a result of predator management. Removing undesirable fish such as common carp and bullhead is also recommended.

Have comments or questions? We encourage you to reach out to us!

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SNAKES

As the temperature slowly rises, dozens of species of snakes native to East Texas are becoming more active. Whether it's on your own lot or hiking in your favorite nature area, the opportunities for human-snake interaction increase during warm weather months. There is, however, no reason for panic. It is easy

to live around snakes, even if you have a fear of them. Caution and avoidance are the key attitudes for everyone when living in areas inhabited by snakes.

East Texas is home to approximately 35 species of snakes, however, only 6 species are venomous. The venomous species are Coral Snakes, Copperheads, Water

Moccasins (sometimes called Cottonmouths,) and three types of rattlesnakes; Canebrake, Western Diamondback and Pygmy Rattlers. Yes, rattlesnakes can be found in East Texas; however, encountering one is quite rare. It is even uncommon to come across any venomous snake upon Lake Cherokee, but it does occasionally occur and because it does, leaseholders and their guests are wise to learn the difference between a dangerous snake and a harmless one.

- Remove debris piles, (branches, leaves, boards, logs)
- Seal off spacing under a/c unit slabs, landscaping rocks, etc.
- Seal area around a/c lines, electrical and plumbing going into the house
- Cut low limbs (keep 3 feet above the ground)
- Trim borders (along sidewalks, flower gardens) i.e. monkey grass to no more than 6 inches wide

Snakes are an essential part of the ecosystem because they help control the rodent population. Be aware of your surroundings and cautious when hiking, boating or doing yard work. If you do happen to run into a snake, remain calm, keep at least 6 feet between yourself and the snake and cautiously walk away. Snakes are looking for a mate and food, not you and your family.

What YOU can do for snake bite prevention:

- Keep grass and vegetation cut short

Remember: You cannot stop snakes from coming on to your property, but you can keep them from living there!

Poisonous snakes of Lake Cherokee:

Coral Snake
 Copperhead
 Water Moccasin (Cottonmouth)

Lake Cherokee Rules & Regulations allow shareholders to kill snakes they confront on CWC property, but remember that any snakes that reside in or around Lake Cherokee, except the 3 mentioned above, are considered harmless to humans and serve a valuable purpose to the ecosystem and the environment.



Western Cottonmouth
 Photograph by Carl J. Franklin



Copperhead
 photo from tpwd.texas.gov

This is the third in a series of articles on our U.S. Armed Forces. Each month will highlight a different branch. It will culminate with an article on our veterans coinciding with Veterans Day in November.

The U.S. Marines

**“Semper Fidelis”
– Always Faithful”**

The Revolutionary war effort needed landing forces with its fleet, so Congress established the Continental Marines on November 10, 1775. Marines fight on the ground, sea, and in the air. They are typically deployed in small brigades for short term missions. With a current active-duty force of 180,000, the USMC is technically its own entity but falls under the Department of the Navy. The Corps' small size relative to the other branches of the US armed forces makes it inherently more agile and flexible. Throughout American history, the Corps served as the nation's premier force to respond to international crises and national security threats. During the Battle of Belleau Wood in World War I, U.S. Marines arrived as the French army was retreating. Marine Capt. Lloyd W. Williams was heard to retort, "Retreat, hell! We just got here." After successfully clearing the forest of Germans, in one of the bloodiest battles of WWI, the French renamed the wood *Bois de la Brigade de Marine* ('Wood of the Marine Brigade'). General Pershing stated, "The deadliest weapon in the world is a United States Marine and his rifle."

In one of the last battles of WWII, the 4th and 5th Marine Divisions invaded a tiny island called Iwo Jima to bring the war in the Pacific to a close. After days of fighting, a battalion of Marines climbed to the top of Mount Suribachi. The sight of six Marines raising an American flag was captured by Joe Rosenthal, a photographer who won the Pulitzer Prize for this iconic image. The bronze statue of the same image sits in Arlington, Virginia and serves as the USMC War Memorial. One of those Marines was Corporal Harlon Block, a Texan from Yorktown, who would die in combat only six days later. Ira Hayes, also in the image, was immortalized by Johnny Cash in "The Ballad of Ira Hayes."

In WWII, The Marines operated the largest "code-talking" program using Navajo Indians to send coded messages using their native language. "Were it not for the Navajos, the Marines would never have taken Iwo Jima." -Major Howard Connor, 5th Marine Division.

The Vietnam War was the Corps' longest involvement with 13,000 killed and 88,000 wounded. Marines were heavily involved in the evacuation of Saigon in 1975. Master Sergeant Juan Jose



Valdez from San Antonio was the last Marine to board the last helicopter on the roof of the American Embassy in Saigon.

The Marines' Hymn begins, "From the Halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli" referring to battles in the Mexican American War and the Barbary War against Barbary Coast pirates. Indeed, Marine officers still use the Mameluke Sword as part of their formal uniform in recognition of a sword used during the First Barbary War.

Noteworthy Marines include George Jones (The Possum), Steve McQueen, John Glenn, and Bernice Frankel (Bea Arthur of *Maude* and *Golden Girls* fame) who enlisted in Marine Corps Women's Reserve in 1943. Texas has been home to several famous Marines including the first African American Marine, Alfred Masters from Palestine; actor Fess Parker from Fort Worth; and Major General Angela Salinas, the first Hispanic woman to attain general officer rank.

And now a word from our own famous Marine, Lance Corporal Thomas E. White, founder of the Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial:

"With the rip-roaring sound of 55-gallon metal drums and screaming Drill Instructors, I was awakened to my first day in the USMC. Having entered the gates of MCRD San Deigo sometime during the night, we were subjected to constant brutal verbal harassment as they proceeded to cut off my beautiful shoulder length hair, sprayed us down with some biocide and forced us through a shower. We were on our way to becoming one of the most elite militaries in the world. After 90 days of pure hell, our Platoon 3063 had become a team of Marines. We earned the rank of Private. Gone were all signs of the Hippie I was the night I arrived. The party was over. New assignment: Protect the United States of America.



Lake Cherokee Veterans Memorial Progress Report

"Duty, Honor, Country"
-General Douglas MacArthur

On March 19, we held a Friends of the LCVM meeting at which 9 veterans were present. It was unanimous that the Memorial not only be viewable from the water but also be a space for gathering and quiet reflection. It was also important to be able to honor loved ones by having their names inscribed and viewable – which cannot be done unless the Memorial is accessible on foot. Friends of LCVM are investigating options that meet the needs of the donors and veterans who wish to honor their friends and loved ones.

There was also discussion on previous donations. If you donated in the past, please be assured that the CWC has these funds and there is a spreadsheet of donor names, donation amounts, and "in memoriam/in honor of" names. Some donations were cash and this information was not collected. The LCVM Development Committee wants to ensure everyone that we are committed to transparency in both incoming funds and outgoing expenses. For that reason, we are not actively soliciting donations until we have a solid process for accepting these funds and a budget for the Memorial.

For more information contact
Katheryn kacourville@gmail.com
or Thomas White twhite.tx@gmail.com

A very famous bridge player is Warren Buffett, the Billionaire investor and philanthropist. He has likened bridge to investing – saying that both involve making intelligent decisions based on available information and probabilities. He was quoted as saying: “Bridge is such a sensational game that I wouldn’t mind being in jail if I had three cellmates who were decent players.” Buffett sponsors an International competition held every other September, and awards the “Buffett Cup” to the champions.

Locally, our players meet every Wednesday at the CWC Library, next door to the CWC Office. We start at 11:30 a.m. and usually play four rounds, finishing around 2:30 pm. Men and women of all skill levels are welcome and our group is very informal. We play for fun, but we all enjoy the spirit of competition, and the person with the high score for the room each Wednesday gets to put his or her name “On the Wall”.

On the First Wednesday of every month we have a “pot-luck” Luncheon, and there is always a delicious assortment of food. Attached is a photo of the table spread along with the players that day. If you would like to join in, please do not hesitate to just show up on any Wednesday. If you do not know how to play, we will teach you, and we have some books that can help you start. We look forward to meeting you!


BRIDGE CLUB
 By Jeanne Collins



Left to Right: Janet Martin, Wanda Wallace, Joy Tate
Standing: Jeanne Collins



Seated: Norvella Skarda, Beth Schreibner;
Standing: Susan Deeds, Fredna Harris



Bridge group - Pot-luck luncheon
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Cherokee Fishing Club

Fishing Club News April 2024

By Genia Holland

We had 37 members present at our March meeting. We had a new member this month and that is Justin Broomhall and he brought a guest with him named Michael Broomhall. Welcome to our fishing club.

Thanks to Pete and Carol Stati for cooking for us again. We had Corned Beef and cabbage and boiled potatoes. Our cookie people this month were: Pete and Carol, David Wilson, Roxanne Brink, Anna O'Brien, Bonnie Hege-man, and Genia Holland.

Our new lake biologist suggest that we add 3000 Pure Florida Strain bass in the lake over the next three years. The red ear bream and blue gills are to be delivered in several weeks.

James Patterson will be having a few work days pretty soon to replace the small piers in each hatchery pond. These have been in need of repair for some time.

Our program this month was Hi Yah Bait Company. They did a program for us last year and everyone really enjoyed their presentation. Joe Nolley like to use a swim jig in the spring time. Their company makes about 19 different color and wight in jig heads, The swim jig rocks side to side to attract bass. They also make a vibrating jig like the ZMann. Joe uses a 7-foot rod and at least 30-pound braid line. He will use 65-pound braid if fishing in lots of grass. Marty uses the drop shot. The drop shot started in Japan. Lots of the newer baits are coming out of Japan. Marty uses the Hover jig. Use a fluke or paddle tail in deep water. A fisherman named Ben Mullikin caught a 12 pounder and a



Program speakers at CFC Meeting from Hi-Yah bait company Standing Marty, seated Joe Nolley and his daughter

seven pounder at Lake Gilmer several weeks ago. Hi Yah Bait is working on a buzz bait and hope to have it out in several months. You can buy Hi Yah Baits at East Texas Sonar and Shipp's Marine. They also have lures in some stores around East Texas. Joe Nolley also added that they are now sponsors of the bass teams at ETBU in Marshall and Texas A & M. They also sponsor the Daingerfield High School Bass Team.

Our Raffle winners this month were: Gas Can by John Jaskiewicz, Solid Pawn Bait Bags by Dawson Jaskiewicz and Genia Holland. Genia Holland also won a pocket knife. #13 rods were won by: Jim Barton, Mike Hendrick, and James Elliott. Hi Yah Baits were won by: Dawson Jaskiewicz, Tom Kelley, Bryce Tawney, Leonard Martin, and David Wilson.

Hope to see everyone on April 8, 2024 for our next meeting. Our program will be by Les Milligan.

Genia Holland,

President

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ARROWHEAD PARK BOOK BOX

Zanelle Kalmus celebrated her 90th birthday last month and was gifted at Christmas with a library box at Arrowhead Park. She loves to read, so her little library of take a book and leave a book, should be fun. It is located at SR35. Let's stock it with some great reads. Her family installed the box that will hopefully be filled to capacity with books for all neighbors to enjoy very soon.

First Friends



Eight members of First Friends met at Skipper's Pier Coastal Cajun Kitchen in Gladewater on Thursday, March 21st at 11:30. Our door prize winners were Carolyn Matter, Lisa Goettle, and Donna Mitchell. We enjoyed the food, conversation and ambiance of this cute restaurant. Gladewater is known as the antique capital of Texas and there are a lot of shops and Antique Malls nearby. Some of the members browsed through the shops after eating. Our April meeting is planned for the Longview Arboretum on Thursday April 18th. Details will be sent to everyone closer to the date of the meeting. Hope to see you then.

Roxanne Lane-Brink



Top: L to R: Lisa Goettle, Jeanne Collins, Donna Mitchell, Karen Franklin, Barb Robar
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NEWS FROM THE 19TH HOLE

by Rebekah Taylor

Cherokee Country Golf Association

April Newsletter

*The Pro Shop hours for March are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday. Closed when the temperature falls below 45 degrees and on Mondays for course maintenance.

*The next scheduled tournament is our "FOUR PERSON 3 CLUB" tournament to be held on April 13th @ 9:00 am. Teams will consist of 4 players; each player picks three clubs to play the round. Entry fee is \$30. The sign-up sheet is in the Pro Shop.



***Congratulations to Glenn Hanka for a hole in one on #4!!!!**

*The WOMEN's group plays every Tuesday morning usually @ 9:00 am 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. It is a choose up style tournament and a lot of fun. It is a 4-person scramble. Teams are picked randomly the

morning of tournament so plan to arrive early.

*The next board meeting will be April 11th @ 6:00 pm. It is an open meeting, and all are welcome to attend and ask questions.

*Call the Pro Shop if you have any questions. (903-643-3571)



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The Preservation Club met on March 21st and held a very productive meeting. We are looking forward to our annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday. There are 2,500 eggs stuffed and ready for all the kids!

Our next event will be the Wet-N-Wild Boat Rally on Saturday, June 8th. Please visit our Facebook page for information regarding hosting a boat house. The Usual Suspects will be entertaining everyone on the island after the rally. Should be another fabulous day!

We also have other great concerts lined up for the island! See below for what is scheduled so far and let us know if you have information on other local bands interested in playing.

Joe Dorsey Band – Saturday, April 20th

The Blaine Hart Band – Saturday, May 25th

Preston Barrett – date in July yet to be confirmed

The Club has purchased and installed a water-bottle filling station at Firecracker Park near the restrooms by the shower for everyone to enjoy! And we are in discussions about additional ways we can help make the island better so stay tuned.

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21 Spring Clean-Up	22 Earth Day	23	24 Bridge Club	25	26	27
28	29 Variance Deadline	30				

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Bridge Club Luncheon	National Day of Prayer		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Cinco De Mayo			Bridge Club	Golf Course Board Meeting		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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