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## Newsletter

January 2015

### News Brief

- President: New Board Member & Treasurer! Huge Thanks to Tim O'Shea!
- Membership: Welcome Our New Member! Recruit!
- Shrimp Boil: Changes Coming
- Bean Bag League: New Session Starting!
- Entertainment: So Much Going On this Winter! New Events!!

### President: Bob Warner

Happy new year one and all! Welcome to our new board member Art Dawson and treasurer Jeff Weiss. Also, thank you to Greg Mroczkowski (Mudge) for stepping up as our new Conservation Chairman. The bears are now in hibernation and we thank one and all who helped cook up halftime food. Make sure to mark your calendars for the Super Bowl Brunch and Chili Cook off/Animal Encounter in February. Make sure to check the work schedule and do your duties as assigned. Finally, a big thank you to our outgoing treasurer Tim O'Shea for decades of fine work. Have a safe and prosperous new year and get your booty up to the club.

Stay warm and God bless all.

## **Vice President: Bob Cole**

If you have work duty, call the club first to make sure someone is there. If there is no answer, call Chuck Jr. (Jacobsma) (708)525-2546. He lives close by and will come over and let you in.

There is a lot of work that needs to be done. Check with me or the grounds crew if you need to make up a duty or work party. After you make up a work duty be sure to call me at (708) 845-1987 so it is recorded. Just a reminder: your scheduled work duty can be done the day before or the day after. If you still can't do your duty, you will need to switch with another member. Try your sponsors or ask them for suggestions of people to switch with. If after attempting to switch with someone you can't find anyone please call me.

## **Treasurer: Tim O'Shea**

A BIG Thank You to Jeff Weiss for stepping up and taking on the Treasurer's position effective in February 2015! For the short term, I'll be working with Jeff as he becomes accustomed to his new position, but I'm sure we can all pitch in a bit to make the transition easier. Doing the little things will make Jeff's life easier- things like giving enough advance warning that you'll need him to be at the club, turning in signed bills that include legible signatures and an explanation of the what was fixed, repaired, replaced, or bought new, and even doing things as simple as keeping bill envelopes intact when you open them,

If you are currently authorized to sign checks for the Chapter, please come to the Board Meeting in January. We'll start the process for getting the new bank account signature cards signed and your presence will make things go a lot easier.

At the January Board Meeting, we'll review the end of the year finances and finalize the budget for 2015 - including the effect of the new balanced budget amendment to the Chapter's By-Laws (as approved and adopted in 2014.)

## **Membership: Julie Osborne**

Please welcome our new member John Pendergast! Keep recruiting! Let's all make it a goal for 2015 to recruit one person. Talk to your friends and family. We want to make 2015 our best year yet!

## **Bean Bag League: Julie Osborne**

Second half starts Wednesday, January 7th. See you all there!

## **Wildlife: Claudia Ontiveros**

Congratulations to the November 15, 2014 \$1000.00 Wildlife winner!!!!

Ticket # 957 sold by Jerry McFadden

Congratulations to the November and December 2014 \$100.00 Wildlife winners!!!!

November 2nd - Ticket # 43 sold by Pat Bambrick  
November 9th - Ticket # 1473 sold by Chris Williams  
November 16th – Ticket # 1387 sold by Patrick Ward  
November 23rd - Ticket #815 sold by Bob Kocinski  
November 30th – Ticket #897 sold by General

December 7th - ticket # 446 sold by Dejnowski  
December 14th - ticket # 514 sold by Ed Dorman  
December 21st - ticket # 1490 sold by Matt Williams  
December 28th - ticket # 370 sold by Art Dawson

Join us Super Bowl ~ February 1, 2015 for the next \$1000.00 drawing.

### Shrimp Boil: Mudge

At the December board meeting I stepped down as the Shrimp Boil chairman after 6 years. I would like to thank all the volunteers and members that made Shrimp Boil a success. I cannot tell you how important of a job this is that benefits our organization. At this time we are looking for an extremely responsible member to take on as the Shrimp Boil chairman. I already have taken off the week of the Shrimp Boil to assist the new chairman, and I will be there to assist with all aspects of this year's event. I believe new ideas and new solutions will make the next Shrimp Boil a success. I also feel this is a great way to bond with all the members. Please contact me (708-220-1129) or our president, Bob Warner (219-741-0666) if you are interested in talking more about chairing the Shrimp Boil. I am looking for someone to step up in the next 2 months to start the process. It is not as hard as one would believe. Thank you very much and I am looking forward to working with the next Shrimp Boil Chairman.

Also, the best way to stay informed about what is happening at the club is to attend Board and Membership meetings. Our bylaws state that each member must attend 10 meetings their first year and then 5 meetings each year after. If meetings become difficult because of work or another obligation you can talk to Julie, our membership chairperson, and she can help you find other ways to get your meetings in. Attending meetings really is the best way to get to know other members and find out what is happening at the club. Try to make as many meetings as you can.

### Lady Ikes: Lori Brach



2015 has arrived!!!

Lady Ikes would like to sincerely extend our wishes to you and yours along with our hope 2015 brings you love, warmth, safety and prosperity.

Just a reminder; The Lady Ikes Meetings are now scheduled the third Sunday of each month at 2pm!! This new time seems to work out well for us. Meetings always include lots of fun, conversation, relaxation and refreshments! Sunday afternoons are a great time to begin your week before your weekly routines begin so please plan to stop by, we would love to see new faces!!! Any/all are more than welcome to attend!!

## Entertainment: JoAnne Tyree

Did you hear the latest? **Trivia** is coming to the club on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 7pm! Call your friends and family to form teams now! Teams limited to six people at the most. More teams, more fun! Cost is \$5 per person. Cash prizes! See attached flier for registration information and more details.

We are checking into what movies we will have access to (If you have a suggestion, let me know.) for our **Family Movie Matinee** on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Your ticket includes Sloppy Joe's and Chips and we will have popcorn and candy available. Tickets are available in advance at the bar or at the door. See attached flier for details.

Mark your calendar for our annual **Super Bowl Brunch & Party** on Sunday, February 1, 2015. The club will serve delicious made-to-order filet and eggs with all the trimmings! Tickets are \$20 per person. We will also have a lot of fun during the game at our annual Super Bowl Party! Bring friends and family to watch the game with fun, food, and prizes! See attached flier.

We have invited the organization **Animals for Awareness** to come to the club on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 12pm with some of their rescued exotic animals. Bring family and friends to enjoy this fun, interesting, and educational event. This will be considered a conservation meeting and members who attend will be credited for a meeting. In an effort to support this rescue shelter we are asking attendees to please bring a donation of a needed item from their Wish List. I have included this Wish List as an attachment with this newsletter. See attached flier.

Our **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off** will be held on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, immediately following the conservation meeting. Sign up at the club and bring your favorite Chili to enter the contest. There is a \$5.00 fee to enter the contest, or a \$5.00 fee to taste and vote. Tasting and voting will begin at 1pm. Judging will take place at 3pm. Cash prizes and trophies!

Don't miss the **Daytona 500 Hillbilly Potluck Brunch** on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Just bring a Hillbilly dish (Pinterest has lots of great ideas.) like Bologna & cheese sandwiches, chicken and waffles or a Twinkie & Donut cake. More information will be in next month's newsletter.

Thank you to all who took the time to cook for the Bears games. A very special thanks to George & Larry who went above and beyond. Thank you so much!

**Thank God for the Chicago Black Hawks!** It is good to see our team winning, especially after this past Bears season. Games are marked on the attached calendar. Stop by for a game!

## Grounds: General

Winter has set in. We have wind, cold air and you know that the snow is coming.

Storage: All storage fees are current and up to date. Mark your calendar – 2015 fees are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make checks out to IWLA. More information in up-coming newsletters.

Continue to come to the club and support club functions.

## Newsletter: JoAnne Tyree

In addition to our traditional schedule, we have added "Chapter Event (CE)". This assignment will be for members who have been scheduled to a work duty at an event.

Please send all submissions for the newsletter to me between the membership meeting and the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month. Also, in an effort to get our newsletter to everyone, we have put together a list of members who do not have access to the internet, or cannot get up to the club to pick a copy up. If you know of a member who would be interested in having a copy mailed, please contact Julie Osborne or myself to get on the mailing list.

All submissions for the newsletter should be sent to JoAnne Tyree ([jotyree@comcast.net](mailto:jotyree@comcast.net)) by the membership meeting each month. Otherwise they can be left in the bar mailbox, but please call me to let me know they are there. (708)372-2328.