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Newsletter

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News Brief

- **President: Next Memb. Mtg Important! Please attend! Elections Soon!**
- **Vice President: Thanks for helping out!**
- **Wildlife: March Winners! \$1,000 Winner is.....**
- **Women's & Men's Horseshoe News!**
- **Entertainment: Trivia!**

President: Chuck Jr.

It's been a long winter but spring has finally arrived. Soon it will be time for the work party, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd and Sunday, May 4th at 8am.

Our club has cut costs and this last year we spent less than we have in years past. The problem is our revenue has dropped slightly and property taxes are soaring. We need Ideas for new functions that will make money, and bring in new members. We cannot continue to run our budget in a deficit. It will deplete our savings quickly. If we do not bring in more funding this year we will be forced to have a special assessment or dues increase.

We also need a new treasurer and president, so step up and do your part.

Would like to see everyone at the next membership meeting on Saturday, April 12th so we can discuss this in length and come up with a plan. (I'll buy the Hot Dogs)

Looking forward to seeing all of you this spring and summer.

Vice President: Bob Kocinski

Thanks to all who worked at our St. Patrick's Day party on March 15th! From the kitchen crew and the Lady Ike servers, to the members who volunteered to set up, clean up and tear down. It would have been nice to see more members attend, but kudos to the membership who showed up with so many of their friends and family. This successful event was a great way to show off the club to so many guests!

The **Spring Work Party** is planned for Saturday, May 3rd and Sunday, May 4th at 8am. If your membership agreement requires you to work, plan on attending either day. Be sure you sign in.

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.

Treasurer: Tim O'Shea

In September 2014, I will step down as Treasurer and someone else will become Treasurer. It will be an easier transition if that person has some training beforehand. Let me know if you're willing to take over and we can get started!

Below is a picture of Tim Green participating in an Ikes Conservation effort - building a new fish crib in Lake Victory. Thanks to Tim and to Bellman Melcor LLC in Tinley Park for donating the wire spools used to build the Crib!



Membership: Julie Osborne

Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!

Wildlife: Claudia Ontiveros

Congratulations to the March 8, 2014 \$1000.00 Wildlife winner!!!

Ticket # 963 sold by Bob Warner

Congratulations to the March 2014 \$100.00 Wildlife winners!!!!

March 2nd - Ticket # 1336 sold by Pat Bambrick

March 9th - Ticket # 949 sold by Dick Hallstein

March 16th - Ticket # 325 sold by Art Dirindin

March 23rd - Ticket # 378 sold by Jim Filippo

March 30th - Ticket # 1422 sold by Jerry McFadden

The wildlife tickets are in and will be distributed/mailed out no later than the weekend of April 4th. If you do not receive them by April 9th or have any questions please contact Claudia Ontiveros (219 629-3701 or your favorite board member. If you sold 30 tickets last year there will be 30 tickets in your packet. The first drawing to kick off the new season will be at the Steak Fry June 15, 2014. This will give everyone ample time to sell your tickets. All mandatory tickets stubs and revenue are to be turned in no later than June 8, 2014. There is a drop box in the bar to return your tickets (please do not put cash in the return box).

There are extra ticket packets at the bar. In order to keep track of the extras PLEASE remove the tickets from the envelope, sign the envelope and put it in the return drop box. Let's have a great WILDLIFE year!!!!!!!

St. Patrick's Day Committee:



Lori and I would like to thank those that offered their time and help with the success of the chapter's St. Patty's Party!

George Sievers and the kitchen crew "always there for you" prepared the delicious meal, which the Lady Ikes served.

Thank you to all the help with the Friday night set-up, ticket & raffle sales and my 2 daughters for making the raffle baskets and bartending for the evening. Also thank you to those that stuck around at the end and helped with cleaning up, putting table & chairs away, and taking down decorations. I sincerely thank each of you!

It's the working together that makes these parties possible and it's the people like you that makes it enjoyable (the profits also helps)!

Thanks again, Al Brach and family

Bean Bag League: Julie Osborne

Special Thanks from Julie Osborne!

Another successful bean bag season has come to a close. We had our highest number of teams ever at 17. I would like to give a special thanks to the guys who helped me out tremendously: Larry Nowak, Bob Warner, Jack Dehorn, Danny Cieslak, General, Mudge, George Sievers, Tim Green and Jason Osborne. Your help with stocking the bar, setting up boards, ordering our special drinks, bartending, cooking food, etc. was awesome. I couldn't have run it without you. Also thank you to Jessi Gadzinski for being the Treasurer and helping run a great league (you're the best!). Thank you all!

There will be a **Bean Bag Tournament** in the Grand Hall on Sunday, April 27th at 1pm. The cost is \$5/person and there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hole in the wall. Anyone can play so feel free to bring family and friends. There will be a blind draw for partners and it will be single or double elimination depending on the number of teams. Fun raffles and cash prizes will be awarded. Please be there by 12:30pm to sign in. Hope to see you all there!

Women's Horseshoe League: Julie Osborne

The **Women's Horseshoe Meeting** will be Wednesday, April 30th at 6:30pm. The league plays on Wednesday nights and will start the third or fourth week of May. Please join us at the meeting to sign up. It's a great time being outdoors by our beautiful lake on those warm summer nights.

We're also looking for a Cabana Boy to help us rake & clean the pits during league play. Please apply at the meeting. :)

Men's Horseshoe League: Jeff Weiss

Reminder: The men's horseshoe league will be having a **Start-up Meeting** on Sunday, May 4th at 12pm. Invite friends and family to play, the more the merrier! All ages and skill levels welcome. Be ready to throw for your average at the meeting. 100% handicap. Any questions call Jeff at 708-877-2700.

Lady Ikes: Lori Brach



Hello to you and yours!

Spring is here but it's hard to believe because we are off to such a cold start=-/
However...April showers will begin to bring the beautiful springtime flowers of May!!!

This month our **Lady Ikes Meeting** will be April 25 rather than the 3rd Friday April 18 due to “Good Friday” observance, the time will remain 7pm.

We'd like ladies to consider stopping in, it would be a pleasant surprise. Not a one in a LONG LONG time=-/

Often forgotten...the Lady Ikes consistently are available to help with club functions and provide financial contributions too. It would really be nice to see support from others towards our membership.

Meetings always include lots of conversation, relaxation and refreshments! Friday evenings is a great time to begin your weekend to kick back following a busy week! So please plan to stop by, we would love to see new faces!!! Be well!

Entertainment: JoAnne Tyree

There is another **Trivia Night** planned for Saturday, May 17th from 6pm – 10pm. Registration begins at 5:30pm. Put a team together at the club, or bring your own. \$5.00 per player. Cash prizes depend on how many play. Bring snacks for the team. See attached flier.

Grounds: General

Storage fees for 2014 are due May 1st. Please leave your payment in the bar mail, or with me directly. If you have any questions, see me. Also, please bring in your newspapers and magazines for recycling. You will be helping the environment and the club!

Lake Victory is free of ice. Come out and go fishing!

Newsletter: JoAnne Tyree

There has been an addition to the layout of the Work Schedule. 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 3rd weekend of the month. It is difficult to put the newsletter together in 1 or 2 days. To be in line with our website, we are including more calendars in the newsletter to let everyone know what is happening at the club in advance.

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) 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.