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NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020



277 MEMBERS: 146 REGULAR 126 SOCIAL 5 HONORARY QoH: \$4,100+

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CONDOLENCES:

AMBC was saddened to learn of the recent passing of Member Trisha Cox's sister. Our thoughts and prayers are with Trisha during this difficult time.

RECENT QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWINGS

ROUND-WEEK	DRAWING DATE	NAME DRAWN	CARD REVEALED	POTENTIAL WINNER'S POT
4-21	2/7/20	AMY SMITH	6 HEARTS	\$3,989
4-22	2/13/20	SCOTT SCHAEFER	7 HEARTS	\$4051
4-23	2/20/20	DAN FITZGERALD	Q CLUBS	\$4220

CONGRADULATIONS DAN FITZGERALD!!!

Dan won \$422 at the Queen of Hearts drawing on 2/20 for his Queen of Clubs. Remember, the Queen of Hearts will win the pot, any other Queen will win 10% of the pot, up to \$500.

NOTE FROM CHAIRMAN: (Jim Neumann 314-580-0538)

At the printing of this Newsletter, we have not yet selected the contractor to narrow the mouth of the harbor and clean it out. The plan calls for large rock material to be pressed into the berm. This will help support it and prevent the large material from falling into the mouth or creek. The plan does not call for the need of Gabion baskets. We plan to research further on getting a positive flow for the harbor. It is natural for us to expect to maintain the mouth over time. This cost is very minimal when you spread it out over time. March is the first step to boating with our Jon Boat Jamboree. See you on the River.... Jim.

PAST EVENTS:

Unfortunately, televised coverage of the Daytona 500 race was postponed due to rain, nevertheless a great time was had by all who attended the Lockhaven Golf Club for the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH 5, 12, 19 AND 26 – QUEEN OF HEARTS:

Don't miss your chance to win big! It's just like old times, but now up the hill at Lockhaven. Pick up and spend your Boat Club coupon books on any bar or food item. Ticket sales cut-off is 7:15pm, drawing at 7:30pm.

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING RESCHEDULED:

The March Membership Meeting has been rescheduled for March 10, 2020, 7:30pm at Lockhaven.

MARCH 21 – JON BOAT JAMBOREE:

If you've never been to this event, you'll want to mark your calendar. Kids have a blast, dogs have a blast, and us too, (the big kids!!).

CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY:

Due to the construction of the new clubhouse, we regret to announce the children's Easter egg hunt and party is cancelled for 2020.

REPORT BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:

DOCK REPAIR (Red Dunham – (618.600.5226)

We are fast approaching the boating season and now is the time to ready the dock facilities for the upcoming season. Please let Red know if there are any issues requiring attention on your dock area so repairs can be scheduled.

ENTERTAINMENT (Mark Woulfe – (618.910.2614)

RAZE Party – The day is getting and closer when the existing club house will come down; a sad day for most of us. However, a new beginning for AMBC and its new clubhouse, which is a reason to celebrate. On or around the day the Clubhouse is scheduled to come down, we will invite all the members to join on the southside dock area to mourn the loss of an "old friend" and celebrate the new era of the AMBC. Date and time to be announced in the next couple of weeks.

HOUSE (Dan Fitzgerald – (618.806.3708)

The clubhouse is completely empty, and a handful of tasks left to do before the club house comes down. Red Dunham, with the help of others has removed the rooftop A/C units and walk-in refrigeration unit. (If anyone is interested in purchasing the A/C units, see Dan).

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MEMBERSHIP (Cliff Rushton – (618.781.1156)

Your individual dues invoices, if not already paid, are due by **MARCH 31, 2020**, (extended for this year only due to displacement). If you have not already done so, please remit payment by cash, check or by setting up an ACH account. For ACH, simply bring a voided check and the completed ACH form to Lockhaven during a Club event and we will get you set up.

SPECIAL EVENTS (Jim Dunham – (618.466.7126)

The Board of Directors have decided to postpone the annual Installation Dinner until proper planning can be conducted. Details will emerge as plans are made. Look for possibly an April date.

BAR (Rich Kortkamp – (618.910.1175)

Again, many thanks to Lockhaven owner Heinz Peter and General Manager Scott Schaefer for opening their bar to us while we're displaced. Remember, your coupon books are valid for food and drink at Lockhaven until further notice.

DOCK ASSIGNMENT (Suzie Fill – 618.781.4558)

As of February 24, there are 8 open slips available to rent: (2) 30', (2) 32', (3) 36' and (1) 38'. There are ample boat trailer parking spaces available as well. Please see Suzie if you would like rent a slip or trailer parking.

STATUS OF THE NEW CLUB HOUSE:

On February 18, the Board presented a motion to remedy the silting in at the mouth of our harbor. The Scope of Work presented would be to narrow the mouth to approximately 60 feet wide and install rip rap to strengthen the harbor point. After much discussion the Membership approved an amended motion presented by member Bob Sullivan to increase the budget slightly to ensure both the north and south banks of the harbor mouth properly reinforced.

The existing clubhouse is empty, and the Board will schedule a final walk-through to ensure nothing of value has been left behind. We are currently in communication with Stutz Excavating to get a start date for the demolition. We will inform the full Membership of the date of demolition.

Once the building is razed and removed, the survey team, (bid requests have been sent out), will come in and take elevations to clear the way for Jun Construction to get started on the new clubhouse. Barring any severe weather this spring our goal date for the completion of the building, as proposed, is July 4, 2020.

We understand the passion and anticipation of our Club Members when it comes to our new building, and when construction begins will want to see this construction process up close. While we encourage and invite members and guests to witness and record the progress, we want you to do this safely. Please observe all barriers and warning signs in and around the construction site as you tour the area or are making your way to the boat docks. Thank you.

FROM THE COMMODORE:

Most important to our Club's longevity, is our membership. 69 of our current 277 members have enrolled in automatic dues payments. Those 69 members are set to pay 1/12th of their total dues each month without worry. If you prefer to pay all at once, that's also an option. Don't forget, if you want to snag one of our few remaining open slips, you can pay that fee in 2 equal payments.

Due to our displacement, we will continue to accept 2020 dues without penalty throughout the month of March. If you haven't been up the hill to Lockhaven, go check it out. Heinz and Scott have given us a great place to gather and socialize.

Our "old" Club is ready for demolition, and the building of the new Club "shell" will quickly follow. This will give us a place to assemble in the basement, as well as an upstairs with heaps of finishing work to do. There will be plenty of work hours in 2020! Here are a few features and specs of the new Club design: The upstairs and "basement" as we may call it, will each be over 3600 square feet each!! How big is the elevated deck, you ask? It's over 1400 square feet all together!! Plans show a total of 12 windows, 5 man doors, and 5 garage doors!! It's been a long haul, but the final product will be worth the wait.



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MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN BAR OPEN AT NOON</p>	<p>2</p> <p>AMBC BOARD MEETING – 7:00</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN BAR OPEN AT 4:00PM</p> <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS AT LOCKHAVEN 7:30</p>	<p>6</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN BAR OPEN AT 4:00PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN BAR OPEN AT NOON</p>
<p>8</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN BAR OPEN AT NOON</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>RESCHEDULED AMBC MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT LOCKHAVEN – 7:30</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN BAR OPEN AT 4:00PM</p> <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS AT LOCKHAVEN 7:30</p>	<p>13</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN BAR OPEN AT 4:00PM</p>	<p>14</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN BAR OPEN AT NOON</p>
<p>15</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN OPEN AT NOON</p>	<p>16</p>	 <p>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN BAR OPEN AT 4:00PM</p> <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS AT LOCKHAVEN 7:30</p>	<p>20</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN BAR OPEN AT 4:00PM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>JON BOAT JAMBOREE!!</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN BAR OPEN AT NOON</p>
<p>22</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN OPEN AT NOON</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN BAR OPEN AT 4:00PM</p> <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS AT LOCKHAVEN 7:30</p>	<p>27</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN BAR OPEN AT 4:00PM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN BAR OPEN AT NOON</p>
<p>29</p> <p>LOCKHAVEN OPEN AT NOON</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>JON BOAT JAMBOREE SATURDAY, MAR 21</p>			

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