



# ALTON MOTORBOAT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

### AUGUST 2020

**263 MEMBERS:** 135 REGULAR 123 SOCIAL 5 HONORARY Q OF H: > \$6,400

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 Entertainment Mark Woulfe  
 Grounds John Dooley  
 House Dan Fitzgerald  
 Membership Cliff Rushton  
 Special Events Jim Dunham

**IN MEMORIAM:**

It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of two long-time Boat Club members, Robert Legate, who died on June 20, 2020 and Denny Schetter, who passed away on July 12, 2020. Please join the AMBC Board in passing along our sincere condolences to the Legate and Schetter families, and please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers through this difficult time.

**RECENT QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWINGS:**

ROUND-WEEK	DATE	NAME DRAWN	CARD REVEALED	WINNER'S POT
4-30	6-18-20	Angela Carver	3 Clubs	\$5,116
4-31	6-25-20	Doug Pichee	K Clubs	\$5,316
4-32	7-2-20	Terry Williams	8 Clubs	\$5,527
4-33	7-9-20	Rick Boyer	7 Clubs	\$5,697
4-34	7-16-20	Mary Fitzgerald	A Spades	\$5,930
4-35	7-23-20	John Stahlheber	5 Clubs	\$6,163
4-36	7-30-20	Dennis Ewing	Joker	\$6,360

We would like to thank all of our members for their participation as we get back into the swing of things. Also, a special thank you to the T-Mo's Taco truck for providing a delicious menu on the Queen of Hearts drawing night.

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

The one thing we all have in common at the Alton Motorboat Club is We LOVE the Club. It is that simple. Each of us in our own ways and reasons Love the Club. This is what helps keep our club maintaining membership. This is what is going up in this marvelous NEW building... "OUR" Love for the Boat Club...

The Board has been presented with many obstacles over the past 18 months... Flooding, Building Demolition, Pandemic, working with the Harbor, and now erecting a "New" Club House. While doing all of this, we are doing our best to continue with activities for our Membership. During this unfortunate time, we have been presented with many views and opinions on the way to maneuver thru all of this. You have elected a Board to help guide the Club as best they can thru all of this, and the Club has THRIVED.

We have done this with New and Old members alike, and many people volunteering their time and efforts to help make this "The Best Little Boat Club on the Mississippi".

I would like to take some time at our next membership meeting to talk about some items that have been presented to the Board as problems and work on some corrective action. Keeping all members aware of issues that arise with our membership is important. It is difficult to make sure everyone is completely happy with all the Boards efforts, but you can be sure that there are many hours of discussion and time spent trying to take into consideration what is best for The Club.

Please come and support the club at our next membership meeting. I have asked Commodore Gillis if we can have this at Lockhaven to assure enough room and weather protection while offering coupons at the bar as we have done in the past.

Plan to attend our August Membership Meeting at 7:30pm on August 25, 2020. 50/50 drawing will pay 100% to the winner. Food will be made available.

**NEW BUILDING UPDATES:**

All building permit applications have been approved and as of this publication, the block wall that will support our new building is completed, (12' tall). With more construction being completed every day, we encourage and invite members and guests to witness and record this progress, but we want you to do this safely. Please observe all barriers and warning signs in and around the heavy equipment on the construction site.

A new **Long-Range Planning Committee** will soon be appointed by Commodore Gillis in our efforts to continue the process of bringing the best ideas to the forefront as we continue toward our goal of completing the clubhouse and improving the clubhouse grounds and harbor.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** (Mark Woulfe – 618.910.2614)

The AMBC "Poker Run" is scheduled for **August 8, 2020**. The day's "**Schedule of Events**" are as follows:

<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Registration begins at the Club, Pick up T-Shirts - \$25, (includes 1 poker hand) First hand - \$10, Additional hands - \$5</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Drawings will begin on water (any stop)</b>
<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Drawing close at Alton Marina, 5 Blind Island, Weber Lake, and Slim Island</b>
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Draw closes Duck Blind Island</b>
<b>5:00-8:00pm</b>	<b>"Pig on a Wing" Food Truck available</b>
<b>6:00-9:00pm</b>	<b>DANCE! DJ Sean Copeland</b>
<b>6:30pm</b>	<b><u>LAST DRAW AT CLUB – NO EXTENSIONS!</u> Must be present at the Club to win</b>

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This year's Hosts will be:

- Mark and Teresa Woulfe** – Boat Club
- Doug and Beth Pichee** – Duck Blind Island
- Glen and Paula Hubbard** – Weber Lake
- Jim Neumann** – Slim Island
- Matt Woulfe and Lisa Finn** – Alton Marina

For this year's Poker Run, we have appointed two AMBC Board Members to serve as Event Safety Officials. These officials will be in the best position to serve as points of contact to resolve any safety concerns during the Poker Run. This year's Safety Officials are Vice Commodore Mark Gibbs and Dock Repair Chairperson Red Dunham.

**HOUSE:** (Dan Fitzgerald - 618.806.3708)

Insulation and a window air conditioning unit have been installed in the smoke shack to keep our volunteer workers a little more comfortable. The window A/C unit came from the old clubhouse and was retrofitted for use in the smoke shack.

Siding, soffit, and gutters on the existing pavilions have been scheduled to be repaired.

**DOCK ASSIGNMENT:** (Suzie Fill – 618.781.4558)

Our harbor has only 2 open slips available and they are going quick. Each of these slips have been available longer than 15 days and are now open to the first taker. You can have your boat ready when you are, and in the water for as little as \$88 per month.

The slips that are available immediately are a 36-foot slip, #1, and one 38-foot slip, #40. One 32' slip, #45, has just been posted for bid.

If you have a trailer in the assigned parking area, please keep the area around your trailer clear of any trash and please trim any weeds around your assigned parking.

**GROUNDS:** (John Dooley – 618.830.8755)

We need to turn some of our attention to the club grounds. If you need work hours, we have some tasks that need to be completed. Staining of the wood swing sets need to be completed ASAP. Please contact Grounds Chairperson Dooley if you would like to help in one or more of these areas.

Several complaints have been brought before the Board concerning the use of off-road, two and four-wheeled vehicles on Club property. Due to liability and safety concerns, the use of any off-road vehicle on Club grounds is strictly prohibited.

**MEMBERSHIP:** (Cliff Rushton – 618.781.1156)

Since dues became payable in February, only 18 members have formally resigned. Due to the pandemic, we have been under a "pay as soon as you can" policy. Our hope was to retain every possible member. However, the time has come when we need to collect the dues from any unpaid member by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Any dues received on or before the 31<sup>st</sup>, that member will remain in good standing retaining their seniority. If the dues are not received by August 31, 2020, you will need to go through the application process to re-join the ranks and you will lose your current seniority.

**BAR:** (Rich Kortkamp – 618.910.1175)

New Coupon Books will be made available on August 1<sup>st</sup>. All previously issued Coupon Books are still valid until further notice.

A special thank you to the bar volunteers Jen and Hannah. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

**DOCK REPAIR:** (Red Dunham – 618.600.5226)

Although Corp of Engineer's annual inspection of our dock area had been on hold due to the pandemic, our dock inspection will happen August 7, at 9:00am. Please take this opportunity to go to [www.altonboatclub.com](http://www.altonboatclub.com), then "click" on the **AMBC Harbor Rules** tab at the top of the page and review these rules. Always keep you dock area deck free and clear of any hoses, cords, and other debris.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** (Jim Dunham – 618.466.7126)

Upcoming events – **Shrimp Boil** at the Club, September 19, **AMBC Golf Tournament** at Lockhaven, October 17, and the **AMBC Turkey Shoot** at the Club in November.

**FROM THE COMMODORE:**

If you have made it down to the Club lately, you may have noticed a 12' tall block structure looming. The peak of our new clubhouse roof is going to be 32' in the sky, and our view from the 900 square foot South deck over-looking our (soon to be FULL) harbor will be a great place to gather.

Our plumber will soon be roughing in, and the 3 steel posts and I-beams will go up quick. Yes, we are getting a new Clubhouse, but we are really getting two new Clubs. Think dining and drinks upstairs, meanwhile hosting another event in our 3,400 square foot "basement." Maybe a cornhole tourney, Wii Bowling, maybe BINGO.... It is your Club and your options are endless.

Since the very day that the State of Illinois allowed us to gather, we have again been hosting Queen of Hearts Thursdays. It has been a great return to our Boat Club Family. Queen of Hearts has been a great revenue source for the Boat Club since we began on 2/9/17. We have held 161 total drawings and sold 91,156 tickets!! If you know the rules, you know that the Boat Club take is 40% or \$36,462. Thanks to everyone who plays. I only wish we would have started this game sooner.

We have a lot to be positive about. After months of sorting through government red-tape, complicated by COVID keeping people away from their offices, we finally obtained all the permits. Thank you to all involved in making that happen, you know who you are. Clubhouse construction is underway, the harbor is nearly full, and we have had 7 applications turned in over the past 2 months. Plus, the 27-million-dollar river project is a go! See you at the Boat Run.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><b>2020 AMBC Annual Poker Run</b> August 8, 2020 – Registration Begins @ 10:00am</p>						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Board Meeting 7:00 at the Club	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Queen of Hearts at the Club Bar opens at 4:00 Drawing at 7:30	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> AMBC Poker Run 
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Board Meeting 7:00 at the Club	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Queen of Hearts at the Club Bar opens at 4:00 Drawing at 7:30	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Board Meeting 7:00 at the Club	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Queen of Hearts at the Club Bar opens at 4:00 Drawing at 7:30	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Board Meeting 7:00 at the Club	<b>25</b> Membership Meeting 7:30 at Lockhaven Golf Club	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Queen of Hearts at the Club Bar opens at 4:00 Drawing at 7:30	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Unpaid 2020 Dues Deadline Board Meeting 7:00 at the Club	 <p><b>Queen of Hearts</b> Drawing Every Thursday, 7:30pm at the Club</p>				

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