



THE CHEROKEE CHATTER

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Manager's Memo

-Erin Summerlin



It's March and that means boating season on Lake Cherokee is just around the corner. Cherokee Water Company encourages all boaters and PWC operators on Lake Cherokee to operate their vessels safely and responsibly. Boaters on our lake are required to abide by the Texas Water Safety Act as enhanced by CWC Rules and Regulations. As a part of this effort, we will run a series of articles to remind you of safe boating rules and regulations, to refresh your recollection of boating rules specific to Lake Cherokee and common sense practices that make us all courteous and safe boaters. This month, we will start off with a short quiz to test your knowledge of some boating safety laws.

Answers on page 12.

Boater Safety Quiz

1. According to Texas law, what operators are required to have passed an approved boating course in order to operate a PWC without supervision?

- Operators at least 11 years of age and born on or after September 1, 1993
- Operators at least 11 years of age and born on or after September 1, 1984
- Operators at least 13 years of age and born on or after September 1, 1993
- Operators at least 13 years of age and born on or after September 1, 1984

2. What should anglers and hunters do when they are fishing or hunting from a boat?

- Anchor in the middle of the waterway
- Wear a PFD at all times
- Keep clothing to a minimum
- Take along extra food and gear

3. When must navigation lights be displayed?

- At night when there is a risk of collision
- Only when adrift at night
- From sunset to sunrise and when visibility is restricted
- Only when you are anchored or in fog

4. Are the following examples of negligent and reckless operation?

- Allowing passengers to ride on the bow, gunwale, transom, seat backs, seats on raised decks, or any other place where there may be a chance of falling overboard. Yes ___ No ___
- Causing damage to a person or property with a vessel's wake in posted "No Wake Zone" areas. Yes ___ No ___
- Encircling people engaged in water activities. Yes ___ No ___

5. Fill in the blank

Do your part to protect Texas waters - _____, _____ and _____ your boat!

SPRING FORWARD

Sunday, March 8 2:00 am

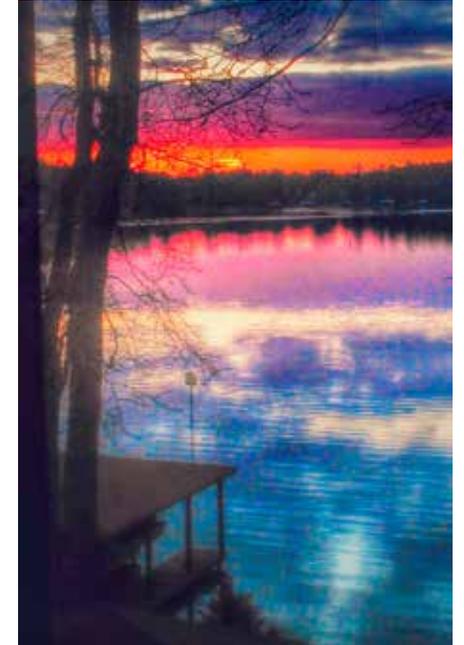
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LEASE RENEWAL REMINDER

Payment is due April 1st for those shareholders that took advantage of the split payment option for the annual 2019-2020 lease renewal. (\$635.00) If payment is not received in the CWC office by April 30th, 2020, a \$100 late fee will incur.



Legend says that each leaf of the clover means something: the first for hope, the second for faith, the third for love and the fourth for luck.



*Sunrise over Lee's Creek
Submitted by Selena Simmerman, SK 67*

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The CWC Board Of Directors meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY
February 20, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Directors for Cherokee Water Company was held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at NK 20 Lake Cherokee, Longview Texas 75603 with the following Directors present:

Bo Besharse, President
Seleta Davis, Vice President
Tim Sutphen, Treasurer
Sue Wilson, Secretary
David Collins
Kristina Coolidge
Larry Laceywell
John Lightfoot
Steve Lobue
Randy Stringer
Joe Travis

Bo Besharse, President, called the meeting to order.

Sue Wilson, Secretary, pronounced a quorum.

A MOTION was made by Sue Wilson and seconded by Steve Lobue to approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2020 regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting. The motion passed.

Tim Sutphen, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. The financial statements were reviewed in detail at the committee meeting on Monday. Operating revenues are on budget and operating expenses are at budget.

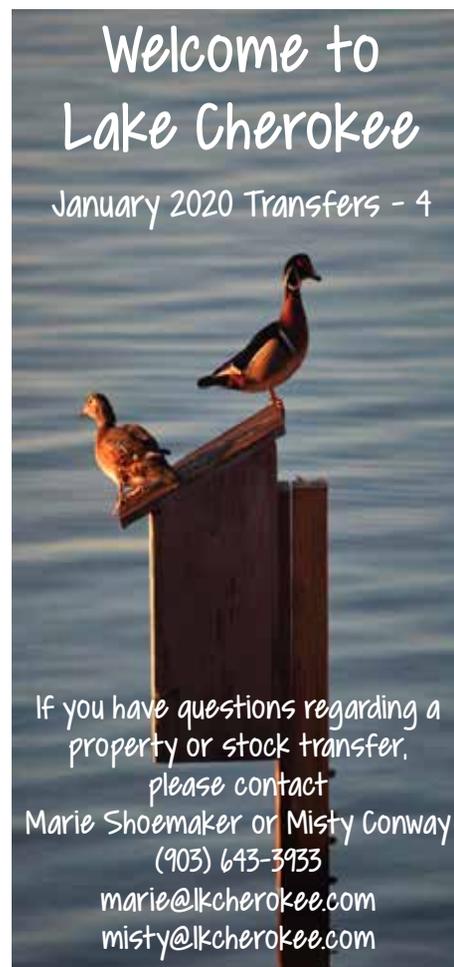
A MOTION was made by Tim Sutphen and seconded by Sue Wilson to approve the financial statements for months ending January 31, 2020. The motion passed.

A MOTION was made by Tim Sutphen and seconded by Seleta Davis to certify the bills paid for months ending January 31, 2020. The motion passed.

Managers Memo - Report by Erin Summerlin:

1. There is one full lease fee due for the 2017-2018 lease renewal period that was turned over to the Lake Attorney on February 1, 2018 for collection.
2. There are three full lease fees due for the 2018-2019 lease renewal period that were turned over to the Lake Attorney on February 1, 2019 for collection.
3. There are nine full lease fees due for the 2019-2020 lease renewal period that were turned over to the Lake Attorney on February 1, 2020 for collection.

Erin Summerlin presented the following modifications to the General and Construction Rules and Regulations to be voted on by the Board of Directors:



CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
(Revised 2/20/2020)

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

DEFINITIONS - As used in these Rules and Regulations, the following words mean and are defined as indicated:

Wake Boat - an inboard boat designed for wakeboarding or wake surfing by creating large wakes. The Wake Boat accomplishes increased wake size by maximizing weight distribution at the back of the boat with rear engine placement, factory ballast systems or ballast bags.

III. LOT and STRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

A. UNSIGHTLY CONDITIONS PROHIBITED:

2. Abandoned and junk cars and motorized equipment may not be stored in open sight or concealed in an unsightly manner on CWC property. In order for a vehicle to be considered operational, it must be operable. Other motorized equipment must be operable and maintained where applicable. Non-motorized equipment such as trailers, boats and campers may not be stored on CWC roadside areas or areas which are not part of a shareholder's lot, except by permission of the Manager in those cases where the equipment area is maintained by shareholders and is not in obtrusive locations.

D. DISPOSAL OF BRUSH, LEAVES, GRASS AND SIMILAR OUTDOOR TRASH

1. Waste disposal sites are provided by CWC for household garbage. No tires, tree stumps or logs shall be disposed of in these areas.

V. VEHICLES

A. OPERATION OF VEHICLES ON PRIVATE LAKE ROADS:

5. No go-cart or similar vehicle shall be operated on CWC property or on any private

lake road, except that of a leaseholder owning such a vehicle or one holding a privilege card attributable to that leaseholder may operate the same on such leaseholder's own leased lot, or on another lot with the permission of the leaseholder.

B. OPERATION OF SELF-PROPELLED VEHICLES ON PRIVATE LAKE ROADS:

1. Golf carts, ATVs and UTVs may be operated on CWC private roads on the following basis:
 - a. All golf carts, ATVs and UTVs must be owned and operated only by privilege card holders of CWC who are 16 years of age or older, who are in good standing and who are in possession of a valid state driver's license.
 - b. Each golf cart, ATV and UTV so operated must be equipped with a flag above the top of the vehicle.
 - c. Golf carts, ATVs and UTVs so operated should pull aside to allow regular vehicular traffic to pass.

VI. BOATING

G. SPEED LIMITS AND BOAT SAFETY:

4. Wake Boats traveling the boat roads to and from open water present safety concerns for other watercraft and, in certain areas, enhances damage to the shoreline. To minimize concerns for other watercraft and shore damage, Wake Boats shall be required to:

- a. As with all watercraft, observe speed limits in boat roads and headway speed encountering other watercraft. Wave action must be kept to a minimum.
- b. Wake Boats shall empty water-filled ballast systems prior to traveling a boat road. Ballast bags containing solid materials such as steel shot, gravel or sand, shall be moved to the center-front of the Wake Boat. Passengers must move to the front of the Wake Boat.
- c. Violations are subject to citation resulting in fines and temporary or permanent loss of lake privileges for the Wake Boat and owner.

CONSTRUCTION RULES AND REGULATIONS

IV. HOUSES, MOBILE HOMES, AND OTHER BUILDINGS

- F. No mobile home or prefabricated home may be placed on any lot or any CWC property. A temporary travel trailer, for residential use only, may be placed on a lot for a maximum of 12 months provided a building permit has been issued by CWC for the building of a permanent, complying dwelling. A permit is required for temporary use of a travel trailer. Only buildings constructed on site will be permitted.
- J. Mailboxes: Mailboxes must be 18" off the roadway from front of mailbox.
- M. Fences may be constructed along the boundary lines separating leaseholders' lots. Fences will not exceed four feet in height at the water's edge at spillway level and must remain at four feet toward the road for at least 75' at which point it may be 6' in height. Electric fences are prohibited.
- O. Any accessory building will require a minimum 4:12 pitch roof and a minimum 12" overhang on all sides. The overall appearance must compliment the appearance of the primary dwelling.

V. PIERS, BOATHOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES OVER THE WATER:

- A. The boundary on any leased lot only extends to the water's edge at spillway level. However, usage of the lake bottom for construction of piers and boathouses extends into the lake for an approved distance. The approval will be made by the Lake Manager, their designee or the

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Board of Directors. The shareholders will place a marker (stake, rod, etc.) at the shoreline and that point will be used for measurement of the distance. The side property lines, as they extend into the lake, are to be used as guidelines only. The Lake Manager, their designee or Board of Directors may adjust those projected lines to accommodate small or odd-shaped lots. The lines must not intersect adjoining property lines into the lake. If an exception is granted by the Board of Directors, its decision shall be final.

- B. If depth of water of Lake Cherokee is less than five (5) feet at fifty (50) feet from the water's edge at spillway level, the Lake Manager, or their designee may approve construction of the proposed boathouse at a distance from the shore at spillway level greater than fifty (50) feet, but no greater than seventy-five (75) feet to a point where the depth of water at the point of the proposed boathouse nearest to the shore is five (5) feet.

VI. REMOVING TOPSOIL, AND FILL DIRT AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRAINAGE:

C. A leaseholder may not expand lot surface area by encroaching into the lake by the use of retaining walls or other devices without the approval of the Lake Manager, their designee or the Board of Directors.

VIII. CHANGING NATURAL DRAINAGE:

No terrain shall be changed on any lot that will disturb the natural drainage so as to adversely affect adjoining lots or the property of CWC, without securing a permit from the CWC office. A drainage application request is required before a permit is issued. The drainage request is available at the office and has to be completed before a CWC permit is issued. Before a permit is issued for the changing of the natural terrain of any CWC lot, for any purposes, the shareholder shall provide a detailed description and drawing for the work to be accomplished. Any increase in volume of runoff water created due to the changing of the natural terrain that would flow onto another lot shall be prevented by the installation of appropriate retaining devices.

A MOTION was made by Steve Lobue and seconded by Seleta Davis that the Board approve the recommendation of the committee to modify the General and Construction Rules and Regulations read by Erin Summerlin. The motion passed.

MINUTES continued on page 3

11th Annual Lake Cherokee Preservation Club Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11th 2019 • 10:00 am
Free egg hunt, games and prizes
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MINUTES continued from page 2

Steve Lobue, Chair of the Rules & Appeals/Property Committee, reported that the Committee did meet this month and had two action items to bring before the Board.

A MOTION was made by Steve Lobue and seconded by Tim Sutphen that the Board approve the recommendation of the committee for the following:

1. A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE from Connie Youngblood, NJ 14, to construct a 12x8 storage building closer than 75' to the water and closer than 6' to the property line. The existing storage building will be demolished. The new storage building will have a minimum 4/12 pitch roof and minimum 12" overhang on all 4 sides.
2. A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE from Bobby Bustin, SP 32, to construct a 1,350 sq. ft. boathouse farther than 50' from the shoreline. The motion passed.

Seleta Davis, Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, reported that the Committee did meet this month. The ad hoc committee did not meet. The Natural Resources Committee discussed the replanting of seedlings and trees at Arrowhead Park: a. If CWC will purchase trees, volunteer shareholders will plant; b. Identify septic systems; c. Identify RCEC ROW. They will set amount needed and plan a date. The Committee had no action items to bring before the Board.

David Collins, Chair of the Long Range Planning/Building and Grounds Committee, reported that the Committee did meet this month and had one action item to bring before the Board. The Committee continued their discussion of a possible cover over the Fuel Center. They also reviewed CP&Y's proposal to set the 100-year Flood Plain and submit a LOMR to FEMA. This can be done utilizing existing LIDAR data eliminating the cost of new LIDAR data which had been previously proposed. A MOTION was made by David Collins and seconded by Steve Lobue that the Board approve the recommendation of the committee to have CP&Y provide a Determination of 100-year Flood Plain, Part B which would include a submitted LOMR to FEMA for revisions. The motion passed.

Larry Lacewell, Chair of the Waterways Committee, reported that the Committee did meet this month. The Committee discussed marking the traffic circle at Lee and Mud Creek with galvanized caps, color coding and signage. Other safety items that were discussed include lights on Bikini Island and reflectors on the carp fence. The Committee had no action items to bring before the Board.

Sue Wilson, Chair of the Policy & Conduct Committee, reported that the Committee did meet this month. The Committee had one action item to bring before the Board. The Committee looked over the Accounting Policy. An addition was made to Article IV Section II of the Ethics, Procedures and Conduct Policies:

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Eastex Net is bringing fiber internet to Lake Cherokee's North Side.

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VARIANCE REQUESTS

ALL variance requests MUST be turned in by 5:00pm the Monday before the Property Committee meets. (10 days before the Board meeting)

March 9	August 10
April 6	September 7
May 11	October 5
June 8	November 9
July 6	December 7

'The Executive Committee will formally evaluate the Cherokee Water Company Lake Manager annually using an approved evaluation form signed by the Executive Committee and the Lake Manager. A new Lake Manager will be evaluated twice the first year after 6 months of service. When or if there is a concern on performance with the existing Lake Manager, the evaluation may be conducted more than once a year after the first year.'

A MOTION was made by Sue Wilson that the Board approve the recommendation of the committee to insert this addition to Article IV Section II of the Ethics, Procedures and Conduct Policies. The motion passed.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

ATTEST:

Sue Wilson, Secretary

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March 3, 2020

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January 2020

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Welfare Check: 1	Boat Launch/ Removal: 148
Open Door/Blg/ Veh: 1	Disturbance: 6
Suspicious Person/Vehicle: 13	Burglary/Theft: 0
Issue Permit: 6	Alarms: 11
Set Out/Pick up trap: 5	Vehicle/Boat accident: 1
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DID YOU KNOW?

How is "feet" calculated?

The lake surely isn't 280' deep...Lake levels are established according to the elevation contour lines found on topographic survey maps. Those contour levels relate to Mean Sea Level. In other words, our spillway elevation is 280' above Mean Sea Level. Mean Sea Level is an arithmetic average of the hourly ocean levels as tides rise and fall. A fun way to explain this to your kids and grandkids is that when they are wading in the surf in Galveston, they are standing 280' below the surface of Lake Cherokee, and to return to Lake Cherokee, they have to drive 250 miles while climbing uphill almost the height of a 30 story building.

How does 8.8" of rainfall become 5' of water in the lake?

Thankfully, we are not limited to the amount of rain actually falling in our lake for our water. Lakes all have a drainage area larger than the lake itself, and they receive the rainwater runoff from the entire drainage area. In our case, our main drainage area extends all the way over to a point west of a line drawn between Henderson and Kilgore.

This is an over simplification since we are not considering the large contribution of many springs feeding our lake, but it can roughly be assumed that since 8.8" of rainfall became between 48" and 60" of water in the lake, then our drainage area must be over 5 times larger than our lake. It is also not uncommon for a certain part of our drainage area to receive a heavy volume of rain, and as a result, our lake rises, even though it may not have rained a drop on the lake.

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SPRING CLEANUP

The Annual Lake Cherokee Spring Cleanup will be conducted Friday, April 3rd to Sunday, April 5th, 2020. During that period, both the North Side and South Side roll off container sites will be opened 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 yards, please call Jerry Hays at the CWC office and 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.

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 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:

- Used motor oil.
- 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.

Each year someone asks if we can take tires. We have made arrangements with a disposal provider; however, there will be a nominal charge per tire. If you have passenger vehicle tires or lawn equipment tires from your lot the charge is \$4 per tire. This fee must be paid in advance; the office will generate a list of those authorized to dispose of tires. The tires will only be received at the north side disposal site.

In order 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 maybe in the form of Privilege Card showing you are a leaseholder or leaseholder's spouse. In addition, a valid Driver's License or other photo ID is required. If the leaseholder or 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 shareholders' 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.



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Cherokee Fishing Club News

by Bo Besharse

February 10th was a very rainy night and we expected a smaller crowd due to the bad weather. In anticipation of a small crowd, we put out about 55 chairs and by the time we were ready to start the meeting, we had to bring out another table and eight more seats. We did have fifty members and guest sign in but we missed getting the other eight people.

The Cookie People that brought the food and desserts did not have to worry about leftovers because we had a group ready to eat. Thanks to Gwen Kozeluh, Larry Willis, Brenda Wyche, Carol Staiti, Wiley Thomas, Gerry Schillings, and Genia Holland, we did not have to leave hungry. You guys did a great job and Thank you!

Joe Travis let the group know that we now have brood crappie in the hatchery pond and he hoped they are ready to bring in a large group of new crappie for Lake Cherokee. He said the rest of the fish, including bream and catfish will arrive during the month of April.

Steve Brown announced that he had boated his personal best bass and it weighed in at 8 pounds 11 ounces. Great job Steve! I only wish that the group could have heard the conversation between Steve and I when he called about catching that bass and the excitement in his voice. Over the last few months, the club members have discussed the huge benefits of having the Garmin PanOptic LiveScope Fishfinder and Steve gave that Fishfinder a little credit in catching his 8 plus pound bass, plus a whole bunch of luck in landing the fish. Here he was, fishing alone. He spotted the bass with the LiveScope and knew just where the bass was laying and waiting on its next meal. He casted once, hit the boathouse and backlashed the reel. He fixed the backlash and tried again. "What Luck" he said when the bait hit the right spot. As he fought with the fish, it got tangled in his trolling motor, while he was grabbing for his landing net. Then by accident, he hit the reel release, the line loosened up and the bass came free of the trolling motor. He said the wind had to be blowing 30 mph, the fish was giving its all to keep from

being brought near the boat, and the wind almost blew the net out of his hands. Then he looked up and saw that the wind had blown him almost 500 yards from the place the fish was first hooked and by sheer determination, everything came together and he was able to land that wonderful fish. Way to go Steve!

Les Milligan, a young man that grew up in Pine Tree and had dreams of being a fisherman, at a young age. He tried bass fishing but his love for crappie fishing became his main choice in the world of fishing. He excelled in the sport and became a crappie guide. He only looks for very large crappie and is very successful in his goal to land bigger crappie for his clients. We have a few members that have used Les and they agree that he puts people on bigger crappie. Just days before coming to our meeting, he had a married couple fishing with him and the lady caught a 3 plus pound crappie and the man caught a 2.5 plus pound crappie. During his presentation he displayed his equipment, the line he uses day in and day out, and the various jigs he uses for crappie. One subject that caught the attention of Steve was Les information on how to catch winter crappie. Steve has long held the opinion that during the Solunar modular phasing in October, all the crappie are then whisked away and returned sometime in April. However, that idea did not float with Les. Les advised the group that some of the largest crappie can be caught in the winter months and he detailed how, why and where to look for winter crappie. I, along with a bunch of other members in attendance, believe that Les provided some of the best and most informative information on crappie fishing. Hopefully, we can get him back before too long. I know Steve tried to book a guided trip with Les but he said he did not have any open dates in the near future.

Steve and Genia conducted the monthly raffle and the winners and their prizes were; Mike Cherry, Duckett Bass Rod; Grand Adcock and Reagan Wyche each won a bag of lures from Solid Pawn; Wiley Thomas, Gift Card to Lowes; Mark Eubanks, Academy Gift Card, and the winner of Valentines Day Dinner was James Patterson and it was for dinner at Texas Roadhouse.

Our next CFC meeting date is March 9 and it starts at 7:00 pm, in the activity room, downstairs section, of the CWC Office Building. If you are not a member of the CFC come join us at the next meeting and please remember, that memberships were due beginning January 1.

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CHEROKEE FISHING CLUB

CFC TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

All CFC Bass Tournaments are “Catch and Release.”

A. General Rules

- a. All Texas rules and regulations pertaining to the Texas Water Safety Act will apply to all tournaments. The CWC Lake Patrol will enforce the CWC Rules, TP&W Rules and Regulations and Texas Water Safety Act.
- b. Any time the main motor is started or running, USCG approved life vest must be worn by each fisherman. Inflatable life vest is permitted, provided they are worn at all times.
- c. No Fishing is allowed within 100 yards of tournament weigh-in location or any designated location within the CWC Rules and Regulations
- d. Any person(s) intoxicated or who appear to be intoxicated, during tournament hours, will be disqualified.
- e. Any person found to be cheating or endangering any watercraft, its occupants, or the property of others will be disqualified and may be banned from all Cherokee Fishing Club events.
- f. Fisherman must be in the Weigh-In line when the horn sounds for end of the tournament.

B. Tournament Species length and bag limits for Bass

- a. BLACK, FLORIDA OR SPOTTED BASS IN ANY COMBINATION OF FIVE (5) FISH
 1. Must be a minimum of fourteen (14)” or greater in length.
 2. Bag limit five (5) per boat and must be alive at weigh-in.
 3. Any dead fish will be deducted ¼ pound, for each dead fish, will be deducted from the stringer weight.
 4. No more than two people per boat.
 5. \$50.00 per boat entry fee.
 6. Prizes will be awarded based on a team and not as individuals on heavy stringer, however the Tournament Director may have individual prizes based on heaviest Bass, 2nd Heaviest Bass, ladies Big Bass and youth Big Bass. You can only weigh in for one division and it must be chosen during weigh in. If you are a Lady or a Youth (16 years or under) please mark an L or Y after your name on the tournament entry form.
 7. Winning places to be paid will be determined by the Tournament Director and in absence of the Tournament Director, an officer of the CFC.
 8. The Cherokee Fishing Club does not provide tournament weigh-in bags and all fish must be placed in a tournament bag, with sufficient water to keep the fish alive during the weigh-in process.

Fishermen may retain all Bass under three pounds

b. CRAPPIE (WHITE OR BLACK)

1. Must be a minimum of ten (10)” in length
2. Bag limit is seven (7) Crappie per boat and must be alive at weigh-in
3. Dead fish will not be weighed in and counted in the total
4. \$50.00 per boat and \$25.00 for each additional person in the boat.
5. Prizes awarded will be based on a team and not as an individual.
6. The Cherokee Fishing Club does not provide tournament weigh-in bags and all fish must be placed in a tournament bag, with sufficient water to keep the fish alive during the weigh-in process.

Fishermen may retain all legal fish in Crappie

Spring Bass Tournament Entry Form

April 25, 2020

Circle Type of Event

Bass

Crappie

Event Start Time

Bass 6:30 A.M.

Crappie 6:00 A.M.

Fisherman must be in the Weigh-In line at appropriate Weigh-in time

Bass 3:00 P.M.

Crappie 12:00 Noon

Team Members

Name: _____

Name: _____

Please mark after name "R" registrant; "P" partner; "L" lady; "Y" youth

I have read and understand the tournament rules and also agree, I am responsible for my team and actions of the team. In the event of injury, death or property damage, I the undersigned do fully release and discharge the Cherokee Fishing Club, its officers, members and the Cherokee Water Company, its board of Directors and employees from any and all claims, demands, and/or causes of actions, including court cost and attorney fees.

Shareholder/Privilege Cardholder Information

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Lake Lot #: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Total Fee: Bass - \$50.00 boat/team

Crappie - \$50.00 for boat & 2 entrants, plus \$25 for each additional entrant

Donation to Hatchery: _____ Entry Fee: _____

Total Amount Paid: _____

Mail entry forms to Cherokee Fishing Club, SD 14 Lake Cherokee, Henderson, TX 75652. They must be received by Thursday before tournament. Entry forms may also be dropped off at the CWC office no later than Noon on the Friday before tournament.

Any questions prior to tournament; call Bo Besharse 903-643-2538.

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This month's third Thursday meeting of First Friends was held on February 20th, 2020 at Dudley's Cafe in Longview. As always the food was delicious. Roxanne Brink was the hostess and Ada Pool was the door prize winner. Mardi Gras was the theme and "10 Things You Didn't Know About the History of Mardi Gras" was presented and discussed. Colorful beads in the traditional Mardis Gras colors of purple, green, and gold were given to attendees. A traditional King Cake was sliced and shared for dessert. Eleven members enjoyed the event.

Next month's meeting will be on Thursday, March 19th, 2020 at 11:30. Our hostess will be Marilyn Moulds and it will be at Parkview on Hollybrook Senior Living in Longview. We will have lunch there. More specific details will follow in a reminder email at the beginning of March. Please plan to join us and bring a friend!

Also feel free to call me at 480-208-2966 for more information or with any questions. Thank you.

Roxanne Lane-Brink, Coordinator

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TOMMY FERRELL

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KFT Club

Knife Fork & Trowel

Article - Betty Heim Photos - Holly Treadway

It was a rainy, soggy evening, but it was well worth the effort of getting out. Terry Kozeluh (with some help from Gwen) cooked the most fabulous tasting and tender Roast Beef you ever put in your mouth. Our call groups complimented it with some tasty casseroles, salads and delicious desserts. Wendy Gomez was in charge of decorating and brought the theme of Valentine Fun to life.

Bo Besharse, President of CWC Board of Directors and The Fishing Club gave us a most informative program. Bo touched on the improvements that the Fishing Club has made to the quality of our lake water for the benefit of the fish population, the success of the fish hatchery in releasing crappie into our lake with no cost to CWC and working with the Biologist on the decrease of our big fish population. The Board of Directors works very hard to make our community safe, enjoyable and financially stable. The Lake Patrol performs many duties in and around our lake and they are available to help us around the clock. Any concerns about lake matters should



Bo Besharse, speaker



Wendy Gomez and Gwen Kozeluh, hostesses



Floyd ad Randall Fowler, guests

be directed to Lake Manager Erin Summerlin. Each call is noted with information on caller, lot number, resolution (how & when) so that our concerns will be addressed.

Holly Treadway read a Note of Appreciation from The Tatum Police Department for Knife, Fork and Trowel members' participation in their Blue Santa Project. Combined with the Fishing Club and other Lake Cherokee residents, The Blue Santa Project benefited over a hundred families and purchased over 50 coats for children. This is proof what a community can accomplish together. Special thanks to Genia for heading up the effort.

We were happy to welcome new members Randall and Floy Fowler and we encourage anyone on the lake to come and join us at KFT. Our lucky door prize winners of miniature rose plants were Susan Deeds and Danny Coats.

Our meeting next month is Tuesday, March 10th at 6:00PM. If you are not on call list and would like to come, please call Betty Heim at 903-643-7535 and leave a message.



Mani is waving at the new, huge USA flag that was recently purchased by the water company. Thank you CWC! It is beautiful (even on a rainy day) and greatly appreciated!

submitted by Kenneth Kirkland, NO 16



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AED's are in every patrol vehicle, the CWC office, Cherokee Country Golf Club, the CWC



Fuel Center and one is kept by the Fishing Club. These devices were made available through a fundraising effort initiated by the Fishing Club in 2007. In addition to all the work from the Fishing Club, the Golf Club held a special event and donated the proceeds to the cause and along with contributions from KFT and countless generous offerings from our shareholders, in the end, enough money was raised to purchase the units.

AED's are designed to be used by laypersons who ideally should have received AED training. All of the CWC Patrol, Maintenance and office personnel have received that training. The AED's have automated voice prompts and digital displays to instruct the user. In most cases, emergencies that happen at Lake Cherokee result in CWC employees being called on by local agencies to be the first responders. Fortunately, over the 13 years we have been blessed to have the AED's available, there have been only a few instances we've been called on to use one, but our community is fortunate to have these units available if the need arises and emergency action is required.

Cherokee Proverb

There is a battle between two wolves inside us all.

One is evil. It is anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, inferiority, lies and ego.

The other is good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy and truth.

Which wolf wins?

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Ladies Bridge met at the home of James and Mary Nowak on February 5th for our monthly Luncheon. It is always great news when James cooks for us because no matter what he chooses to prepare, we know it will be excellent. This time was no different - delicious barbecued ribs, sausage, and brisket! I tried to tell which was the very best but all were equally outstanding! We all supplied the sides to create an absolute feast! Thank you, James, we appreciate you so much!

After lunch, we played four rounds of competitive but fun-filled bridge. Carol Ehl ended the day as high scorer with 3470 points. Donna Knox had the highest weekly average for January. Congratulations Carol and Donna!

If you would like to join our group to play bridge or learn to play bridge, we would love to have you join us! Our usual location is the Lake Cherokee Library at 12 noon every Wednesday. Arrive about 15 minutes early as we setup.

I look forward to meeting you there!

Susan Deeds



Bridge players from left: Donna Knox, Debbie Hobson, Don and Carol Ehl, Joan Porter, NorVela Skarda, and Peggy Hendon



Bridge players from left: Jeanne Collins, Susan Deeds, Chef James Nowak, Wanda Wallace, Mary Nowak, Fredna and John T. Harris

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Contest Rules:

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All fish **MUST** be weighed in alive.

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Weigh-in receipts **MUST** be turned in at the Cherokee Water Company, NK 20, with the date, fish, weight, name, lot and number.

Winners will be listed in the Chatter monthly.

In case of a tie, the 1st entry weighed is the prize winner.

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A grand prize drawing of \$500.00 will be awarded September 18th for the largest fish caught during the 6 month contest.

GOOD LUCK!

- Carol Coolidge & her team

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News From the 19th Hole



article by Celia Taylor

The Annual Board Meeting was held February 13th. Buzz Everett, Pat Herrmann and Paul Goettle were re-elected to the board for 3-year terms. The board then held their board meeting in which all the Officers were voted by acclamation to serve a 1-year term. Your board members are: President: David Stokes, Vice President: Buzz Everett, Secretary: Pat Herrmann, Treasurer: Celia Taylor. Directors: Paul Goettle, Phillip Works, Glenneth Jordan, and Mike Weed. If at any time any members have questions, please contact one of the board members. Also, everyone is welcome to come to the monthly board meetings which are held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm.

There will be a letter sent out to all members by Glenneth Jordan encouraging golf members to promote and encourage other people to come and play and hopefully join our course. She is enclosing 2 free 18-hole play and a card to give out to anyone that hasn't played at Cherokee Country Golf. Also, anyone that joins the club and puts the members name on the sheet to join and stays in good standing for a year the member who recommended them will get 1 month of their dues (\$75.00). We really need to get membership back up and appreciate any help the members can give us. We all love our course and think others will also.

The board also wants to thank Mike Weed and Mark Taylor for their continued volunteer work in keeping all the equipment up and keeping the course looking great. You should

notice changes on Hole #7 as they are re-doing it. This hole will be closed for a little while as we don't want anyone on it as the grass is growing. Everyone can take a par.

The board decided time to shop around for Insurance and Workman's Come and Phillip Works volunteered his time. The board would like to thank Phillip Works for his hard work in researching and finding insurance and workman's comp.

The tournaments have been picked and here are the dates:
March 21st - 4 Person Scramble
April 4th - String Tournament - 4 Person Scramble
May 9th - Annual Fund Raiser for the Course - 2 Person Scramble
June 20th - Shamble - 4 Person
July 18th - Firecracker Tournament - 4 Person
Blind 9 Scramble

August 15th - Pitch & Putt - 2 Person Scramble
September 12th - Par 3 Tournament - 4 Person Scramble
October 10th - Club Fund Raiser - 2 Person Scramble
November 14th - 3 Club Tournament - 4 Person

We the board encourage all members to play in the tournaments - these are fun tournaments and the biggest income for the course for maintenance and up keep.

The Ladies group

plays every Tuesday. Tee time is 9:30 for month of March. This are great ladies and they are always looking for new ladies to play in their group. If it is too cold or raining the ladies get together and play cards and/or go out to eat.

The Saturday fun bunch is a good way for new golfers to play. This is a scramble choose up. This group has a lot of fun and welcome all to come and play. Tee time is 9:00 am every Saturday except tournament days.

Follow Cherokee Country Golf on Facebook: CherokeeCountryGolf.com there are pictures and tournament dates.

Come out and play on our beautiful "Little Course". You will have a great time!

Hope to see you soon!

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Golf Kitty



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The following is the first in a series of articles highlighting CWC employees. CWC hopes that these articles will enlighten the shareholders about the men and women who help to make Lake Cherokee such a great place to live.

Derrill has been with the Cherokee Water Company for 28+ years. He was born in Henderson, TX and graduated from Kilgore High School. Before coming to the lake in 1992, he was a Certified Firefighter, Rescue Diver, Peace Officer, EMT, Marine Safety Enforcement Officer and Correctional Officer.

Derrill and his wife, Joni, have been married 31 years. They have two sons, Austin (29) and Hunter (28.) They have four grandchildren, Emma (9,) Noah (8,) Ella (4) and Levi (6 months.)

Hobbies: Golf and Fishing
Food: Everything
Music: Contemporary Christian
Movie: Phenomenon (1996)

Derrill's favorite part of his job is to serve, protect and help the shareholders of Lake Cherokee.



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BRUCE BUSSEY
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Bruce has been with the Cherokee Water Company for 19+ years. He was born in Dallas, TX and graduated from Longview High School. Before coming to the lake in 2001, he spent 2 years at Stephen F. Austin, 3 years in the Army, 2 years in Vietnam and worked at America Balloons.

Bruce and his wife, Lori, have been married for 35 years. They have one son, Kenneth. They have 1 grandson, Kylar (19.)

Hobbies: Hot Air Balloons
Food: Everything
Music: Country
TV: Nascar

Bruce's favorite part of his job is making people happy.

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| • Boater Education Course | May 30, '20 |
| • Wet n Wild Boat Rally | June 6, '20 |
| • Outdoor Summer Movie Night | June 20, '20 |
| • Boat Parade & Fireworks | July 4, '20 |
| • Outdoor Summer Movie Night | July 18, '20 |
| • Outdoor Summer Movie Night | August 15, '20 |
| • Family Fun Fest | September 5, '20 |
| • Kids Catfish Tournament | September 19, '20 |
| • Fall Cleanup | TBD |
| • Fall Bass Tournament | October 3, '20 |
| • Meet the Candidates | October 15, '20 |
| • Chili Fest | October 24, '20 |
| • Annual Shareholder Meeting | November 12, '20 |
| • Light up Lake Cherokee | TBD |

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SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY BAG LIMIT
CATFISH (Channel and Blue)	12 inches or larger	25
Opelousas (Flathead)	18 inches or larger	5
Largemouth (Florida, Kentucky)	14" and under, one may be 17"+	5
White Bass (Sand Bass)	10" or greater	25
Yellow Bass (Bar Bass)	No Limit	No Limit
Crappie (White or Black)	10" or greater	25
Bream (All Species)	**No Limit**	**No Limit**

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That's because a new radio station, transmitting from Hallsville, signed on Thursday February 6 about 4 PM. To prevent interference, the KDOK Henderson transmitter has moved to 106.1 FM. This move only affects listeners in Henderson. All the other locations remain the same. KDOK transmits on 1240 AM and 105.3 FM in Kilgore, 101.9 FM in Longview, 94.9 In Chalk Hill - Lake Cherokee and now 106.1 FM in Henderson.

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- 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, May 30th, 2020 at CWC, NK 20.

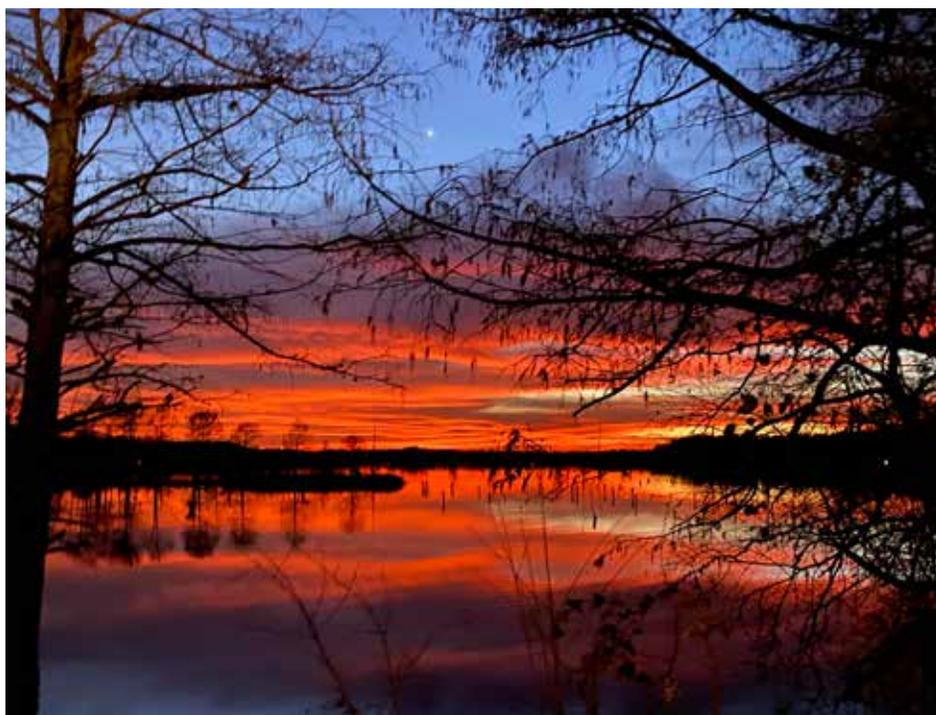
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Texas Independence Day Read Across America Day	3	4 Bridge Club Luncheon	5	6 Employee Appreciation Day	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Starts	9 Deadline to Submit Variance Requests Fishing Club 7 FULL MOON	10 Knife, Fork, & Trowel 6	11 Bridge Club	12 Golf Course Board Meeting 6	13	14
15	16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18 Bridge Club Chatter Deadline	19 First Friends Noon CWC Board Meeting 6 Preservation Club 1st Day of Spring	20	21
22	23 NEW MOON	24	25 Bridge Club	26	27	28
29	30	31 Night Bridge 6:30				

APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2nd Half of 2019-2020 Annual Lease Renewal Due Bridge Club Luncheon April Fool's Day	2	3 Spring Cleanup 10-5	4 Spring Cleanup 10-5
5 Spring Cleanup 1-5	6 Deadline to Submit Variance Requests	7 FULL MOON	8 Bridge Club	9 Golf Course Board Meeting 6	10 CWC Office Closed Good Friday	11 Easter Egg Hunt
12 Easter	13 Fishing Club 7 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday	14 Knife, Fork, & Trowel 6	15 Bridge Club Chatter Deadline Tax Day	16 First Friends Noon CWC Board Meeting 6 Preservation Club	17	18
19	20	21 San Jacinto Day	22 Bridge Club Earth Day Administrative Professionals Day NEW MOON	23	24	25 Spring Bass Tournament
26	27	28 Night Bridge 6:30	29 Bridge Club	30 Last day to pay the 2019-2020 Annual Lease Renewal without a late fee		

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Marsha and neighbor Phil Porter freed bird from lure and released.

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