



# The Cherokee CHATTER

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**Saturday,  
July 1  
Boat Parade  
10am  
Fireworks Show  
@ dark**

### **Fireworks Broadcasts Live on QX-FM, 100.3**

One of the most anticipated events of Lake Cherokee life is the Annual Fireworks Display. This year, they will be on Saturday, July 1st. No rain out date. Look for it to start just after dark, about 9:30 or so. This year's spectacular show will run approximately twenty-twenty-five minutes.

To get the full impact, you will need to tune your radio to QX-FM, 100.3 to hear the soundtrack for the display. QX-FM is easy to receive anywhere on Lake Cherokee. It's a great opportunity to pump up the volume while we

observe this celebration of our nation's independence. It is the one time of the year when your neighbors won't mind hearing your music.

Chuck Conrad, general manager of QX-FM, is planning to bring the radio station's portable sound system to the CWC Lake Office grounds so people who want a great view can enjoy the show with full audio accompaniment. All that's required on your part is to bring your own lawn chair or blanket.

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Longview, TX 75603

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY  
May 18, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Cherokee Water Company was held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at NK 20 Lake Cherokee, Longview Texas 75603 with the following Directors present:

Christy Bussey, President  
Logan Lobue, Vice President  
Randy Graves, Treasurer  
Cathy Hite, Secretary  
Kristina Coolidge  
Rhonda Bullard  
Seleta Davis  
Cory Eason  
Doug Finn  
Gary Mapes  
Paul Oberthier  
Thomas Merritt

President Christy Bussey called the meeting to order.

Cathy Hite, Secretary, pronounced a quorum.

Minutes of the April 20, 2023 board meeting were discussed, reviewed and stand approved as distributed.

Minutes of the April 25<sup>th</sup>, Special Board Meeting were discussed, reviewed and stand approved as distributed.

**President's Report:**

Christy reminded the board that now that we have a General Manager in place the board should focus on their primary responsibilities of establishing and governing. The day-to-day execution of Cherokee Water Company is the responsibility of the General Manager, Kevin Jones. Any emails and calls should be directed to the General Manager.

**Lake Manager's Report**

Kevin Jones shared some administrative updates:

- The Code Enforcement position has been re-named to Compliance Officer. An offer has been made to candidate that should join in approximately 2 weeks.
- Biologist will be out next week (weather pending) to continue spraying vegetation.
- The focus in the coming weeks will be on contracts up for renewal.
- An operational update was provided including stats on administrative, patrol and maintenance departments. All departments are on track with expenses against budget.

**Treasurers Report:**

- Randy Graves, Treasurer made a motion to certify the bills paid for the month ending April 2023. A second was made by Rhonda Bullard. The motion passed unanimously.
- Randy Graves, Treasurer made a motion to approve the financial

Statements for the month ending March 2023 under the condition that certain survey expenses will be reclassified to engineering expenses. A second was made by Logan Lobue. The motion passed with majority. Director Doug Finn voting no.

- Randy Graves, Treasurer made a motion to approve the financial Statements for the month ending April 2023 under the condition that certain survey expenses will be reclassified to engineering expenses. The second was made by Seleta Davis. The motion passed with majority. Director Doug Finn voting no.

President Bussey requested Director Finn explain his No vote for clarification purposes because the rest of the board was unaware of his concerns related to the accuracy of the financial statements outside of the expense reclassification. Finn was unable to effectively explain his NO vote. He mentioned reclassification of the expenses which was clearly addressed in the conditional approval and differences in the layout of monthly financials versus the annual, audited statements. Bussey attempted to explain the difference in the annual statement versus monthly financials and offered perhaps Finn needed to abstain from the vote for lack of the information he deemed necessary to vote. Finn opted to maintain his No vote. Bussey indicated the board would look

further into Finn's concerns and moved forward with a vote.

**Committee Reports:  
Community Relations Committee:**

Kristina Coolidge Committee Chair reported the committee did meet this month. A Shareholder Survey will be sent out to shareholders this month. It is important for shareholders to respond to the survey as the results help drive the Strategic Plan goals annually. Highlights in the Chatter next month will focus on the volunteers that support the Great Balloon race. If anyone has other charitable groups, they wish to highlight please contact the committee. The committee had no items requiring board action.

**Road and Boat Ways Committee:**

Gary Mapes, Chair reported the committee met on May 12, 2023. The Committee discussed the marking of the boat road west of Silvey Bridge. As reported earlier, the committee recommended this road be marked in a similar manner to the marking of other boat roads. General Manager, Kevin Jones, is in the process of gathering bids and will report the findings back to the committee when complete. No action or vote on this item required at this time.

The committee discussed the upcoming road repair /resurfacing project slated to begin June 1<sup>st</sup>. Approximately 10 years ago, CWC board began a road repair process to fix or repair the roads over a 7-10-year period. That process commenced but was dropped after several years. The current board revisit-

ed the project and engaged with Johnson and Pace engineering (JPE) to evaluate the conditions of all CWC roads. The Committee was advised by JPE that this approach was impractical because of ever changing conditions of roads and fluctuating price of materials and labor. The Committee prioritized road repair/ restructuring based on several factors: locations which CWC maintenance was spending majority of their time; locations of accidents on CWC Roads; and traffic count on Cherokee Trail South based on data obtained from TXDOT. Based on these factors, JPE prepared specifications required to repair CWC roads and sent out bid proposals to 4 qualified contractors. After reviewing all bids on May 8, 2023, JPE recommends that CWC award the construction contract to Rayford Truck and Tractor in the amount of \$1.1 million and the committee concurs. This infrastructure project will be paid for by the CWC in full from funds earmarked for this project. The project is scheduled to begin June 1<sup>st</sup> and last approximately 120 days. It will commence on the south lake road going eastward from 2011 to the south side dump facility.

Gary Mapes made a motion to authorize GM Kevin Jones to sign a contract with Rayford Truck and Tractor for the Cherokee Trail South Roadway Rehabilitation project pending review and approval from Legal counsel. A Second was made by Paul Oberthier. Motion passed unanimously.

**Rules and Policies Committee:**

Rhonda Bullard, Chair reported

the committee did meet this month. Rhonda complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to remove rule Pets and Animals, B. 3. Dogs and Cats without a collar and identification will be picked up and disposed of in a humane manner after three (3) days. A kennel fee of \$50/day will be charged to reclaim your pet. Rhonda Bullard made a motion to remove this rule. A second was made by Kristina Coolidge. Motion passed unanimously.

**Variance Requests**

The committee considered 4 variances this month.

1. NE27 – build 487.53’ new boathouse 10.65’ over lot line in same basic location as current boathouse. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> option submitted by shareholder and has agreement from both neighbors. Rhonda Bullard moved to approve the variance. A second was made by Gary Mapes. Due to conflict of interest, Kristina Coolidge recused herself from the vote. The motion passed with majority.
2. SK3 - construct a single-family residence closer than 75’ closer to the water. Rhonda Bullard moved to approve the variance. The second was made by Logan Lobue. The motion passed unanimously.
3. SK3 – build a carport closer than 50’ to the lake road. Rhonda Bullard moved to approve the variance.

The second was made by Corey Eason.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. SL69 – replace existing retaining wall and eliminate a catch all corner between neighbors. Rhonda Bullard moved to approve the variance request. The second was made by Cory Eason. The motion passed unanimously.
5. SO2 – Extend current roof to cover existing deck. The Committee does not feel a variance is needed. GM, Kevin Jones will contact shareholder to issue permit extension. No action needed by the board.
6. SL69- construct roof extension. More information is required. No

action needed by the board at this time.

**Strategic Planning Committee:**

Rhonda Bullard, Chair reported the committee did meet this month. The committee discussed next steps regarding the Strategic Plan including updates from Committees and establishing evaluation processes. Kevin Jones, GM will be involved in these efforts going forward. The committee had no items requiring board action.

With no other business, President Christy Bussey adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cathy Hite, Secretary

*Welcome to  
Lake Cherokee*

*April 2023 Transfers - 13*

*If you have any questions regarding a property or stock transfer, please feel free to contact  
Misty Conway at  
(903) 643-3933  
or misty@lkcherokee.com.*

**Lake Cherokee  
Security Report  
April 2023**

Facility Check: 1,901	animal: 3
Extra Patrol: 106	Clear roadway of trees/debris: 20
Welfare Check: 0	Disturbance: 0
Open Door/Blg/Veh: 5	Burglary/Theft: 1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle: 6	Alarms: 5
Issue Permit: 34	Vehicle/Boat accident: 1
Set Out/Pick up trap: 1	Water Response Calls: 1
Remove animal from trap/lot: 6	Code/Trash Violations: 1
Remove dead	Assist other Agency: 12

## MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER:



Kevin Jones  
General Manager, Lake Cherokee

Hello Lake Cherokee, summer is finally here, and it is important to make boater safety a top priority. Here are some significant reminders from Texas Parks & Wildlife & the CWC.

Accidents on the water happen fast. U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was the reported cause of death in 79% of recreational boating fatalities, and that 86% of those who drowned were not wearing a life jacket.

### How to Choose the Right Life Jacket

Today's life jackets come in a variety of shapes, sizes, colors, and materials. No matter which life jacket you choose, be sure it's right for YOU, your planned activities, and the water conditions you expect to encounter.

### Try It On

- Check the manufacturer's ratings for your size and weight to get started.
- Make sure the life jacket is properly zipped or buckled.
- Raise your arms straight up over your head while wearing your life jacket and grab the shoulder material, gently pulling up.
- If there is excess room above the openings and the life jacket rides up over your chin or face, it does NOT fit properly. A snug fit in

these areas signals a properly fitting life jacket.

### Fit Facts

- It is extremely important that you choose a properly fitting life jacket.
- Life jackets that are too big will cause the flotation device to push up around your face, which could be dangerous.
- Life jackets that are too small will not be able to keep your body afloat.

### Texas Life Jacket Laws

- It's Texas state law on recreational vessels under 26ft. in length when underway (including drifting or not at anchor), all children under 13 years old must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket. Adults must have a properly fitting life jacket that is easily accessible.

**TEXAS WATER SAFETY ACT:** All shareholders are responsible for abiding by the current provisions of the Texas Water Safety Act concerning all boats, personal watercraft and other water vessels operated on Lake Cherokee, except as herein provided by the CWC.

### Lights

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Code Sec. 31.064**

### Lights

A vessel or motorboat when not at dock must have and exhibit at least one bright light, lantern, or flashlight from sunset to sunrise in all weather. A vessel or motorboat when underway between sunset and sunrise in all weather must have and exhibit the lights prescribed by the commandant of the Coast Guard for boats of its class. No other lights that may be mistaken for those prescribed may be exhibited.

US Coast Guard-approved red and green side lights and a white all-around light are required when not at dock.

Have a safe summer,

Kevin Jones

## Lake Cherokee Annual Boat Parade

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**The Lake Cherokee Annual Boat Parade will be held on Saturday, July 1st at 10:00 am. So be thinking about what you want your boat or barge decoration theme to be.**

**No registration is required.**

**All you have to do is show up in the area east of the island at 10:00 am and join the procession in front of the judges' stand at the CWC office pier.**

**You can follow the traditional *Patriotic Theme* or let your imagination carry you into the *Open Theme* category.**

## 2023 Lake Cherokee Fireworks Display Saturday, July 1, 2023

Make a fireworks donation "*in memory of*" or "*in honor of*" a loved one, great friends, or people that are [were] special to us

\_\_\_\_\_ "*in memory of*" \_\_\_\_\_ "*in honor of*"

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**DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL LAKE CHEROKEE FIREWORKS DISPLAY  
“IN MEMORY OF” OR “IN HONOR OF”**

**Ray & Lisa Tiller NE 40  
In honor of  
Kennedy Keeling, Ellis and Eric Tiller**

**Doris Collier NP 76  
In memory of  
Mike Collier**

**Marjorie Bivins NP 85  
In memory of  
Jim Bivins & Craig Bivins**

**Cathy Lightfoot NP 95  
In memory of  
John & Thomas Lightfoot**

**Margaret Megan Hamner NS 03  
In memory of  
Gary & Janie Adams**

**David & Jeanne Collins NS 19  
In memory of  
David Funderburk; Henry Salmon;  
Steve Lobue; Bill Jones**

**Christy & Kelly Bussey SB 64  
In memory of  
Jeff Modisette**

**Debra & Tommy Visage SH 10  
In honor of  
Molly & Tom Visage; Benton & Carlisle Alexander**

**Mike Wilcox SR 07  
In memory of  
Mary Wilcox**

**Bridge Club  
In memory of  
Donna Knox**



**Island Closure - Saturday, July 1st**

For safety reasons, Firecracker Park will close Saturday, July 1st when the fireworks trailer arrives. Because of the size of the show and the extensive setup required, this will be mid-morning and it will remain closed until after the fireworks show that evening. Please keep this closure in mind when scheduling any plans you have at the island that day.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL SHAREHOLDERS**

On the night of Saturday, July 1st, before the Annual Lake Cherokee Fireworks Display, the afterhours Patrol line (903-643-7321) MUST be kept free for emergencies ONLY! We receive numerous calls on this line from shareholders requesting the start time. Please tune in to QX-FM, 100.3. If there are any long delays, the radio station will notify the listeners. Thank you for your consideration.

**Cherokee Water Company - Office Closure**

The Cherokee Water Company office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Have a great 4th of July weekend, Lake Cherokee!

# SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT CORNER

Lake Cherokee Shareholders have a rich history with the Great Texas Balloon Race (GTBR.) In 1978, the GTBR was born from an agreement between Dr. Bill Bussey, D.D.S., a world-record hot air balloon pilot, and Frankie Parson Riggins and Mary LeTourneau (Shareholder), Longview Mall managers. Fast forward 43 years and Dr. Bussey is still serving on the Board of Directors. His mission is that "one day, when he is no longer around, that the race continues on for another 50 years!" He has dedicated thousands of hours to ensure this happens.

The 100% volunteer led Board of Directors works year-round to host the annual event. Every dollar raised goes to produce the biggest event in East Texas. GTBR has a stellar reputation among national and international pilots for being the most competitive and entertaining event in the country. Cash and trade sponsors, attractions and admissions fund the over \$500,000 budget each year. The largest expense being the \$100,000 prize money the pilots compete for.

The 46th Annual GTBR will be held in conjunction with the US National Hot Air Balloon Championship. This is the second time the Balloon Federation of America has chosen to have their national competition held in Longview. The US Championship brings pilots from across America that have competitively ranked as the best 50 pilots in the US. These pilots will compete for the

championship June 12-18. Joining them June 16-18 will be GTBR pilots, Young Gun pilots, remote controlled balloons, and the largest special shapes GTBR has ever hosted. By the weekend, there will be ninety-four balloons inflated and competing across Gregg County. It will be spectacular!

Many Lake Cherokee Shareholders are among the hundreds of volunteer who work as crew members, set up and tear down, admission gate workers, assisting vendors, serving pilots and VIPS, and so much more. The greatest need this year is crew members for the exceptionally large special shapes. These shapes will need 8-12 people to help the balloons inflate, deflate, and packed up. It is so much fun to crew for the pilots; you are up close to the balloons, get to know the pilots, receive a crew shirt and free admission. You cannot beat that deal! If you are interested in crewing, please reach out to Christy at [christybussey0420@gmail.com](mailto:christybussey0420@gmail.com).

Shareholders who are GTBR pilots are: Bill Adler, Bill Bussey, Bruce Bussey, Guy Gauthier, Sandy Graf, and Richard Sabin. On occasion, a pilot has flown in GTBR and decided to buy a lake house because he fell in love with Lake Cherokee. Can you blame them?

For more information on GTBR visit [gtbr.net](http://gtbr.net).



**Bill Bussey, Jeanne Collins,  
Rhonda Bullard, Terrie Lindsay.  
Not pictured: Christy Bussey**



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### STAR PROGRAM JUNE SPECIAL

For the month of June, there will be no charge associated with anyone applying for the STAR program. Please contact the office for information. This program is for all realtors who sell property at Lake Cherokee and any company that provides a service to Shareholders.

**BECOME A STAR PROVIDER  
FOR LAKE CHEROKEE.**

**Variance  
Deadlines  
have  
changed!!**

The following are the new deadlines.

- 7/3—7/20 Board meeting
- 7/31—8/17 Board meeting
- 9/4—9/21 Board meeting
- 10/2—10/19 Board meeting
- 10/30—11/16 Board meeting

## 2023 Fuel Center Hours

(Weather permitting)

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#### Springtime hours

Tuesday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
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#### Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend

Monday closed  
Tuesday - Friday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Saturday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Sunday 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

#### Holiday dates/hours:

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

#### Fall hours:

Tuesday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Saturday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

November, December, January, February  
CLOSED - Watch for pop-up dates/hours!

## CWC OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday  
8:00 am-4:00 pm

Extended hours:  
3rd Thursday of the month  
(Board Meeting night)  
8:00 am-6:00 pm

If you are unable to make it to the office during business hours, give us a call. We can help! (903) 643-3933

barbara@lkcherokee.com

## CHATTER E-MAIL

Please send any correspondence related to *The Cherokee Chatter* directly to its dedicated e-mail, [chatter@lkcherokee.com](mailto:chatter@lkcherokee.com)

If you regularly send items in to a CWC employee's e-mail address, please make this small change effective immediately. Thank you!

This includes articles for clubs, submitted travel photos, submitted fishing photos, Shopper's Corner, Bulletin Board, and regular ads, and any other *Chatter* related questions or needs.

**NEXT CHATTER DEADLINE  
JUNE 14**

**In case of  
EMERGENCY,  
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**and then  
Lake Patrol  
at (903)  
643-7321**

## Lake Cherokee Boater Education Course -

**Saturday, June 3rd**

Hosted by Lake Cherokee

This year, the Lake Cherokee Boater Education Course has been set for Saturday, June 3rd at the Cherokee Water Company, NK 20 Lake Cherokee.

The course will run from 8:00 am-5:00 pm with a 30 minute break for lunch. \*LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED\*

Students may only attend the course if they are at least 12 ½ years old by the date of the course.

**Pre-registration is REQUIRED** and will need to be received no later than Friday, May 26th. No walk-ins will be accepted.

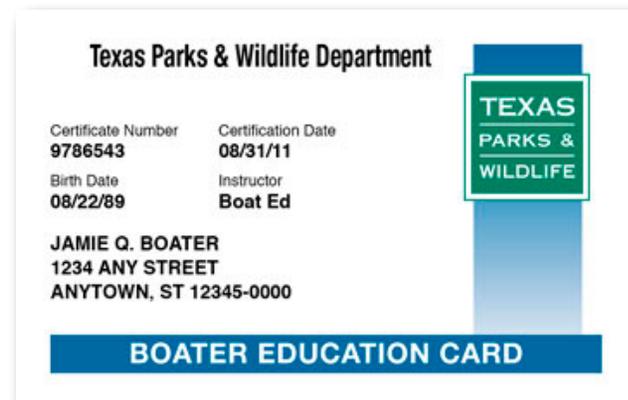
Please complete the registration online (<https://tpwd.elementlms.com/course/boater-education-classroom-course-1651/>)

and bring \$20.00 with you to the class.

If you were born ON or AFTER September 1, 1993, you MUST complete an approved TP&W Boater Education Course to operate a PWC, windblown vessel over 14 feet in length or a boat with more than a 15 horsepower rating unless supervised from someone who is 18 years of age or older, who can lawfully (born before September 1, 1993 or completed an approved Boater Education course) operate the watercraft and is on board when the vessel is underway.

For questions, please contact the CWC office at (903) 643-3933.

## Who needs the Boater Education Card?



### *It's the Law!*

Operators must meet the age and boater education requirements shown below in order to operate any of the following vessels legally in Texas:

- A powerboat powered by a motor of more than 15 horsepower or...
- A personal watercraft or...
- A windblown vessel over 14 feet in length.

A person less than 13 years of age may operate only if he or she is supervised by a person who:

- 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.

**If you miss our June 3rd course, you may still obtain your Boater Education certificate via the online certification courses listed on the Texas Parks and Wildlife website:**

<https://tpwd.texas.gov>

## What's Cooking at Lake Cherokee



By Peggy Hendon

This month's recipe is from Martha Hendon, the sister-in-law of 30-year-plus Lake Cherokee resident Don Hendon. An avid cook and recipe collector for many years, we trade recipes from our mothers, grandmothers, aunts and friends going back decades.

### Summer Salads

Martha Hendon

#### Tuna Salad

2 cans of white tuna (in water)  
broken up

6 hard-boiled eggs chopped

Relish (dill or sweet - as much  
or as little as you desire)  
More often, I use sweet.

1 whole apple (cored)  
grated (largest hole)

1 cup (plus) to your taste  
salad dressing (I don't use  
mayonnaise in my tuna  
salad. I use Miracle Whip.)

Salt and pepper to taste

#### Ambrosia

1 large can fruit cocktail (drained)  
1 can mandarin oranges (drained)  
1 can pineapple chunks (drained)  
1 small jar maraschino cherries  
(drained and cut in half)  
1 cup coconut (optional)  
1 cup toasted pecans  
roughly chopped  
2 cups miniature marshmallows  
1 cup whipping cream (whipped)  
1/4 cup sugar into whipping  
cream and beaten to stiff peaks  
and folded into fruit mixture

Keeps several days.

We love the leftovers!

### Please send me a recipe!

Peggy Hendon is a retired graphic designer and publication specialist who lives on Lake Cherokee with husband Don Hendon, Yorkie-mix Maggie May, and a tiny Shorkie named Tucker. Text recipes to (903) 353-6203 or email [peggycooper19@yahoo.com](mailto:peggycooper19@yahoo.com). Use "Cherokee Recipe" as subject.



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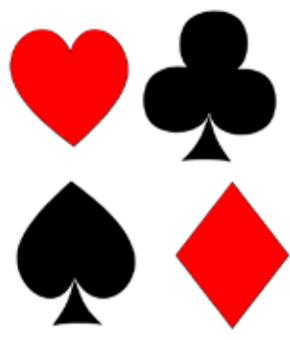


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# BRIDGE CLUB

By Jeanne Collins

June, 2023

On the first Wednesday of every month, we have a pot-luck lunch beginning at 11:00 am. In May we had the good fortune to be treated to barbecue prepared by James Nowak. All the members brought sides to complement the BQ, and it was a Feast!! We all miss Mary Nowak who recently passed away, and we are glad that James is staying in touch.

Joining in the festivities was Del Knox, and at age 99, he keeps us on our toes when bidding and playing. He is consistently one of the high scorers! We play every Wednesday at the CWC Library, next door to the CWC Office. We start at 11:30 am, and usually play four rounds, finishing around 2:30 pm.

We play for fun, but we all enjoy the spirit of competition. The person with the high score for the room each Wednesday gets to put his or her name "On the Wall".

Our group is very informal. Men and women of all skill levels are welcome. If you do not know how to play, we will teach you. If you would like to join in, please do not hesitate to just show up on any Wednesday. We look forward to meeting you!



*James Nowak, Norvella Skarda, Fredna Harris*



*Debbie Hobson, Nancy Gilbert*



*Del Knox*



*Barbara and Danny Coats*



*John Harris, Carol Ehl*



*Susan Deeds and Janet Martin*



*Wanda Wallace, Jeanne Collins*



# News From the 19th Hole

by Celia Taylor

## 19<sup>th</sup> Hole – June 2023

Club hours in June & July are: 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. Weather permitting.

The May tournament was cancelled and will be rescheduled. which was 4 Person Modified. The club benefit tournament will be rescheduled to September 9th and will be a 2 Person Tournament. All proceeds will go to improvements for the course. This tournament will have a Silent Auction, Raffle Tickets and drawings. If anyone would like to make donations whether gift cards, items for all the auctions and raffles it will be very appreciated.

The Ladies Group will host their Annual Shirts & Skirts tournament on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. All women are eligible to play and will need a man for a partner. If a lady does not have a gentleman to play with let someone in the Ladies Group know and they will find you a partner. There are a lot of gentlemen that would like to play. Or you can sign up in pro-shop and leave partner blank and the Ladies will find a partner. This is really a fun tournament!

The Women play every Tuesday – tee time for June is 9:00 am. Come and join this great group of ladies. If weather is bad, they will meet and play card games. Always lots of fun!

The monthly board meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm and welcomes everyone to come and join and see what happens in the meeting and ask questions. Anytime anyone has a question be sure and contact anyone on the board. Also, please welcome Danny Matherne as a new board member, he will be taking Ann Loftin's place. Danny will be a great asset to the board.

The Saturday Fun Bunch – Choose Up plays every Saturday except for Tournament Days. Tee Time is 9:00 am.

Continued Thanks to the grounds crew: JR Nettles, Lee Payne, Glenn Hanka. Volunteers: Mark Taylor, Myron Foster, Phillip Works, David Stokes, James Patterson, & Danny Matherne – they keep the course looking great and keep the equipment running.

Thanks to Bob Thompson for helping shopping for the club. The Pro Shop is working on new score cards and would like to see if any business or individuals would like to place an ad (Business Card size). The score scores will be seen by a lot of business people – great advertising. The ads are \$200.00 per year which will be between 1,500 to 2,000 cards a year. Please contact the Pro Shop, any board member or Celia Taylor about questions or how to submit your ads. 903-452-6792.

After lots of discussions last year and through now the membership dues will increase starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. These dues have not been increased in over 7 years. Dues will be \$90.00 a month. As everyone knows everything has gone up: gas, electricity, groceries, cleaning supplies, day to day items. If you have any questions, please contact any board member.

See you on the course! Hit them long & straight.



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## Lake Cherokee Photography Club

The monthly meeting of the Lake Cherokee Photography Club met on May 9, 2023 at the Lake Cherokee office. We continued to address the upcoming photography contest details. You will find rules, suggestions, and resources necessary in a separate block in the Chatter. It will also be on the facebook page.

In addition to the contest for which there will be cash prizes, we will have an judge who is not connected to or living on the lake. This contest will be the way that the Preservation Club will receive pictures for their calendar. There are no individual direct submissions to the Preservation Club this year. We have plans to display the entries at the Lake Office. We will accept entries on August 8, 12 noon to 8 PM. Photographer's name or lot number should not be anywhere on the image. The back of the image should be blank as well.

We were able to review a few images this week. Hopefully we can get back to more of that at the next meeting.

We are a small group which is always looking for Lake Cherokee residents with an interest in photography. We have phone photographers and camera photographers of all skill and experience levels. There is something for everyone. Please join us on the second Tuesday of the month, 6 PM , downstairs, at the Lake Cherokee Water Company Office, NK20.

Our next meeting will be June 13 at 6 PM. Hope to see you there. If you have questions, you may contact Nanci Gilbert at [nancisrealestatebiz@gmail.com](mailto:nancisrealestatebiz@gmail.com) or 936-652-4520. All Lake Cherokee residents are welcome.

# 2023 LAKE CHEROKEE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Lake Cherokee Photography Club is sponsoring a photography contest which will provide the images for the 2024 Preservation Club Calendar. This contest will be judged by someone who is not connected to or living on the lake.

1st prize - \$300 and a 16" x 20" custom print donated by Bill Plunkett  
2nd prize - \$150  
3rd prize - \$50

### Rules:

- Submit a 8.5" x 11" print with a 1 inch white border (total page size 9.5" x 12")
- Landscape/horizontal format
- Photo must have been taken on Lake Cherokee Water Company property.
- Photo must be taken by a shareholder or their immediate family.
- Winners must be able to provide an SD card or thumb drive with the photo on it (These will be returned)
- Photos used in the calendar over the past 3 years are not eligible.
- If there is a recognizable person in the image, you must provide a photo release, \*see below

### Suggestions:

- Use a 300 DPI (dots per inch) image or higher
- 3300 x 2550 pixels is very good size for the 8.5 x11 inch calendar pictures.
- Excellent size is 4400 x 3400 pixels
- Use photo paper if self - printing
- We are not requiring prints be mounted, however mounted photos provide protection to the back of the print
- The photographs are for the calendar, think holidays and seasons, as well as lake scenes.

### Resources for printing:

Art Forever 3407 N Fourth St., Longview  
FedEx Office Print & Ship Center, 916 W Loop 281, Longview  
You may find other resources, keep in mind the print quality needs to match the digital image

### How to enter:

All entries will need to be brought downstairs to the Lake Cherokee Water Office, NK 20, on August 8, between noon and 8 pm. Photographer will sign a registration form and the photograph will be assigned a number. Photographer's name or lot number should not be anywhere on the image. The back of the image should be blank, as well. There is no limit to the number of images each shareholder can submit. Email or call with questions or \*requests for photo releases to: [nancisrealestatebiz@gmail.com](mailto:nancisrealestatebiz@gmail.com) or call Nanci Gilbert 936-652-4520

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The Preservation Club met on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> with President Deanna Kalmus presiding.

We had a great group for our meeting this month and were super excited to have our Wet-n-Wild Boat Rally boathouse hosts in attendance! Hopefully everyone has their calendars flagged for Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> as it is quickly approaching. Boathouse themes will remain a secret until the day of the event – our lips are sealed tight so don't even think about asking! We are still in need of donations for the silent auction, give aways and prizes for the winners. If you have something you would like to donate or know of a business that

might be interested in donating items please deliver to Darrell Wolven (SN 33) as soon as possible. Let's all pray and/or cross fingers for beautiful weather but nonetheless it'll be a great day on the lake!

A few important details for the rally: Registration begins on the island at 11:00 Boathouses will be "open" for boats at noon.

Participation admission: \$20 for adults and \$5 for children 12 & under

Raffle tickets: \$5 for one or \$20 for 5 New merchandise this year - yay!!

Baseball hats w/Lake Cherokee Indian logo & lake money pocket - \$30

Ladies' racerback t-shirts "Boat Waves, Sun Rays, Ain't Nothing Like Lake Days!" - \$20

Men's t-shirts "Sorry for What I Said While Docking the Boat!" - \$20

Food trucks will be on the island following the rally.

Cash is the preferred method of payment but credit cards are welcome

Don't forget the Blaine Hart Band will be playing on the island June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Meet you there!

Meeting was adjourned! Next meeting following the CWC Board Meeting June 15<sup>th</sup>.



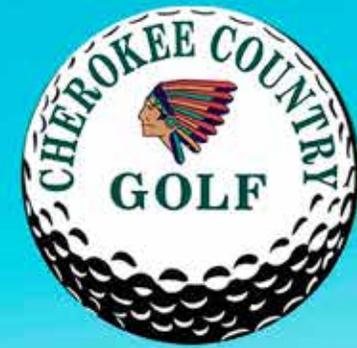
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- Prizes for high score and low scoring participant. 2 bonus point draws available at each boathouse for \$1 each, donations to benefit future projects of the Preservation Club
- Raffle Tickets available for great prizes so bring cash. Remember Lake Cherokee is a great cause!
- Begin and end at the Firecracker Park sign-in pavilion
- May visit any boathouse in any order. Boathouses will close at 3:30 PM and all participants must return to the Firecracker Park sign-in desk by 4pm.
- **Must be present to win any door prize or raffle prize**
- Be courteous and practice safe boating. No prizes for speed! Go Slow and have fun!
- Only non-cash prizes will be awarded. Entry fees are not tax deductible.



The First Friends group met on Thursday, May 18 at Barron's Café. Karen Franklin was hostess and she had made new name tags for everyone that have a magnet back.

Jeanne Collins presented a program on the Measurement Team duties for the great Texas balloon race.

The June meeting will be a salad luncheon held at the home of Judi Morgan.



Jeanne Collins, presenting a program on the Measuring Team for the Great Texas Balloon Race



Door Prize winners:  
Penny Dant, Judi Morgan, (Hostess- Karen Franklin)  
Carol Ehl, Debbie Hobson



Attendees: standing-  
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# Cherokee Fishing Club News

By: Genia Holland

We had 42 members and guest at our May 8, 2023 meeting. We had 3 new members to join our fishing club. Our new members are: Mitch and Robin Fortner and Lonnie Newburg. Our club continues to grow each month. Our club is now at about 75 members.

The cookie people for May are: Jeri Shellings, Larry Willis, Pete and Carol Staiti, Cathy Withers, Davis Wilson, Steve Snider, and Genia Holland. Pete and Carol did a wonderful job on roast beef and a rice and vegetable dish. Thanks to everyone that contributed to our meal.

Solid Pawn has a special going on with a brand called #13 Rod and Reels. They have some great prices on these items.

George Steele is going to start putting our more brush tops for fish habitat in the next few weeks. If you would like to help, please give George a call.

The fishing club is going to sponsor a catfish seminar on July 22, 2023 at the Cherokee Water Company office. We will start around 10:30 in the morning. We will be talking about different

kinds of bait used here on our lake, as well as how to rig us your poles. We will even teach you how to clean your catfish. This is for all of Lake Cherokee shareholders that want to attend.

The fishing club will also be having a fish fry on September 30, 2023 at the lake office. We will be selling a dinner for \$10.00. This money will go into our benevolent fund that the fishing club has used to help many shareholders out in case of emergency where cash is needed.

Our June meeting will be on June 12, 2023 at the lake office. Our program will be Brittney Chesser who is a vegetation scientist with Texas A & M University. We are trying to get more information on the vegetation growth in our lake from several different sources.

Our raffle winners this month were: Allen Franklin and Lonnie Newburg with bait bags from Solid Pawn. Cathy Withers won a Lew's reel and Anna O'Brien won a #13 rod.

See y'all at our next meeting on June 12, 2023.



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## CATFISH SEMINAR

The Fishing Club is putting on a catfish seminar at 10:30 on July 22, 2023. We will be talking about different types of bait to use. We will also be talking about what kind of lines and hooks to use. We will also show you how to clean your catfish. Please call me if you are interested in attending. My phone number is 903-738-2444. The address of the water company is NK 20 Lake Cherokee.

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## Lake Cherokee History from 1975

*Lake Cherokee: A Unique East Texas Community Over 1,300  
Persons Live Around Shores and None Own Their Lots*

By Rod Paasch, Staff Writer Longview News Journal,  
15 June 1975, Sun, p. 1

Many East Texans know that Lake Cherokee, located five miles south of Longview, is a private lake, but most area folks may be surprised to know the lake and surrounding land is owned by a corporation and operated in a manner similar to a city. Cherokee Water Co., according to Ira Horne, president, functions in several ways like an incorporated town. The company builds and maintains its own roads, has a "police force" comprised of four lake patrolmen who enforce state water safety and game laws and also man a private fire truck, mows roadways, make road signs and maintains garbage disposal bins and dumping grounds on the premises. Horne said the company was founded in 1946 by a group of Longview men wanting a place for fishing and duck hunting. Some of them owned land at the site of the present lake and they put up funds to examine the feasibility of building a lake. Lake Manager Steve Boehm provided a list of the founders. Those donating \$25 each toward an initial investigation were: E. C. Johnston, B. F. Martin, Henry L. Smith, Fred Plieler, L. N. Skipper, E. J. Jeanes, C. E. Chaffin, Perry Thompson, M. D. Rodden, William Patterson, T.L.N. Rawlinson and V. A. Clements. An investigation committee included Clements, Thompson, Charlie Hineman, O. H. Grissom, and Walter Hurst. According to records research by Boehm the company contracted a Dallas firm in early 1948 to build a dam which was begun that February. Water impoundment began Oct. 1, 1948, and the dam was completed Nov (10 or 19?) that year. Records showed dam building costs to be \$658,000. Boehm noted it is insured for \$1 million. Estimates of time needed to fill the empty lake ranged up to three years, Horne said, but added the lake filled "in about a month." The lake and surrounding land is owned by the company, with lots designated as being on the north side or south side. Fifteen hundred lots surrounded the water; most are improved with houses or buildings. About 1,320 personas living on 476 lots are permanent residents and another 772 lot are used occasionally, weekends or summers. Unique is that no one owns his lot - they are all leased through the company. According to Horne, persons buying a share of stock are entitled to lease a lot. Buyers then pay the owner for improvements (home, garden, pier, etc.). Transactions are then approved by the 12-man board of directors. Sellers obtain what they can for improvements. For the past four years average home value increases were 7-10 per cent, often more, per home, Horne said. Recreational facilities are being erected with more being planned. Bikini Island Park, a small island near the middle of the lake, has recently been cleared of brush and insects. The 25 by 50 yards rock island will soon be fitted with picnic tables, grills and benches. Well-cooled with lake breezes, the lush little oasis is nearly covered by heavy shade trees and is a favorite with kids. Water area around the island, 900 acres, is reserved for skiers in summer months, Boehm said. Free of stumps, the skiing area adjoins a long bench deck being renovated for sun bathers. Other recreational improvements are in sight. "We are considering building tennis and volleyball courts, providing we can get enough volunteer help from our shareholders to take care of them," Horne noted. To improve fishing, Boehm said the lake was stocked with striped bass last July now measuring 12-14 inches, and 100,000 channel catfish were added last January. Another 20,000 wall-eyed pike are due this month or July. "We decided to use 20,000 two-inch fish instead of 100,000 (??-inch) fish," Boehm explained because the large pick survive better. Fish are also counted monthly by lake, patrolmen using nets to catch a small number and then using a formula to calculate the total population. "They can tell fairly accurately," Horne said, "what the fish population is."

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4	5	6 Community Gardeners	7 Bridge Club Luncheon	8 Golf Course Board Meeting 6 pm	9	10 Wet-N-Wild Boat Rally
11	12 Fishing Club 7 pm	13 Photography Club 6 pm	14 Chatter Deadline Bridge Club	15 First Friends CWC Board Meeting 6 pm Preservation Club	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21 Bridge Club 1st Day of Summer	22	23	24
25	26	27 Night Bridge 6:30 pm	28 Bridge Club	29	30	

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						1 Annual Lake Cherokee Fireworks Spectacular Annual Lake Cherokee Boat Parade
2	3 Deadline to submit variances	4 CWC Office Closed Independence Day	5 Bridge Club Luncheon	6	7	8
9	10 Fishing Club 7 pm	11 Photography Club 6 pm	12 Bridge Club	13 Golf Course Board Meeting 6 pm	14	15
16	17	18	19 Chatter Deadline Bridge Club	20 First Friends CWC Board Meeting 6 pm Preservation Club	21	22
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