

The Cherokee **CHATTER**

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Dear Shareholders,

Cherokee Water Company is pleased to announce the appointment of Kevin Jones, General Manager of Cherokee Water Company. Chosen for his experience and knowledge in management, communication and leadership, Jones is eager to begin his new role and looks forward to serving the community he loves.

Jones comes to us having held corporate leadership and management roles in pharmaceutical, capital investment, energy, and manufacturing industries where he was responsible for operations, profits and efficiencies, and managing large groups of employees.

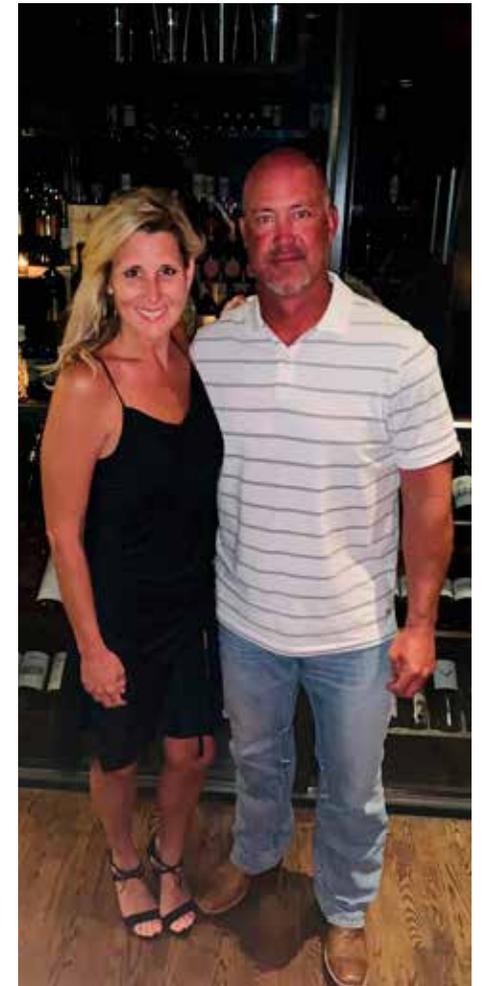
His prior experience includes a successful career in law enforcement where he served with the Texas Dept. of Public Safety, Longview Police and Texas State Troopers Governor's Detail.

Additionally, Jones brings municipal experience to his new role, serving several years as an elected city council member, responsible for personnel, maintenance/operations, and law enforcement, as well as working with constituents and serving the needs of the city and homeowners.

Jones holds a BS in Criminal Justice from The University of Texas at Tyler and is a local graduate of Hallsville High, class of '92. Kevin and his wife Kasey have four children and are full-time residents of Lake Cherokee.

We will welcome Kevin at a monthly board meeting and his official first day was Monday, April 10th. Feel free to stop by the office and say hello or he can be reached at kevin@lkcherokee.com. If you need dedicated time set aside to meet with him, you can schedule an appointment by calling 903-643-3933.

Sincerely,
CWC Board of Directors





KEVIN JONES

GENERAL MANAGER



Hello shareholders, families and staff. I am so excited to start this new venture alongside each of you. As the new CWC General Manager, I look forward to meeting each shareholder and their families. I could not be more enthusiastic about this incredible opportunity.

I have been extremely encouraged by the outpouring of support I have already received. Lake Cherokee is a special place to my family as it is to yours. One of my biggest priorities is to build our lake community back stronger than ever, and to bring a sense of unity back to this lake. I plan to achieve this through openness, communication, ethics and a “together” attitude.

There are many responsibilities within the GM role and much to learn, but my promise is that I will work daily to ensure Lake Cherokee is viable well into the future, and to bring trust, fairness, and integrity to my office.

We are so fortunate to call this great place home! My family and I have lived here almost 3 years and what a blessing it has been. I can remember even before we moved here, the many days we drove the lake roads dreaming of how incredible it would be to live on Lake Cherokee. I don't ever want to forget that feeling.

We are ONE Lake Cherokee, and I want to help lead this community, along with this great staff, board members, and shareholders into a bright future.

I look forward to meeting each of you in the upcoming months, and I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to work for you.

Kevin Jones



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY
April 20, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Cherokee Water Company was held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 20, 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
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 March 16, 2023 board meeting were discussed, reviewed and stand approved as distributed.

Treasurers Report:

Randy Graves, Treasurer made a motion to approve the financial Statements for the months ending October 2022, November 2022, December 2022, January 2023 and February 2023. A second was made by Rhonda Bullard. The motion passed with majority. Director Doug Finn voting no.

Randy Graves, Treasurer made a motion to certify the bills paid for month ending March 2023. A second was made by Seleta Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report:

Christy thanked Tommy and Marie Hooten, office staff and Board for stepping up and handling responsibilities during the absence of a General Manager. Christy welcomed Logan

Lobue back to the board and introduced Kevin Jones as the new Cherokee Water Company General Manager.

An operational update was provided including stats on administrative, patrol and maintenance departments.

Lake Manager's Report

Kevin Jones shared some administrative updates:

- April 21- 23 is Operational cleanup. Shareholders can take debris to the large roll-off dumpsters.
- Biologist has been spraying vegetation and will continue weather permitting.
- Maintenance will be mowing the island and surrounding entrances over the next few weeks.
- Reminder that 2nd half of lease dues are due and will be past-due starting May 1st.
- Food trucks will be at the island starting Memorial Weekend until Labor Day.

Committee Reports:

Community Relations Committee:

Rhonda Bullard provided the committee report for this month. The committee did meet this month. All shareholders should have received a letter announcing our new GM. Thank you to the Preservation Club and Fishing Club for stepping up to provide the food and drinks for new GM Meet & Greet.

The committee will begin in the May chatter highlighting Shareholders that serve in area communities, giving of their time and talents. If Shareholders have recommendations such as groups to highlight, the Communications Committee would like to hear about it.

Other formatting and content changes are coming to ensure the Chatter is an informative and useful communication tool for Shareholders. T

During the month of June, realtors or service providers may complete the STAR program course free of charge. In July, you should see the list of STAR Providers in the Chatter. A STAR Provider is someone who has, through completing a quite simple course, demonstrated a strong knowledge of CWC rules, procedures, and processes.

Thanks to our new contract with Absolute Technologies, we now have the capability to send mass emails which will enhance communicating with Shareholders much easier.

The committee had no items requiring board action.

Road and Boat ways Committee:

Gary Mapes, Chair reported the committee did not meet this month. Kevin Jones, GM provided update on roadways resurfacing / repair project. Johnson and Pace will send out bid proposals this week with start projected for June 1st, in SU area .

The committee had no items requiring board action.

Natural Resources Committee:

Seleta Davis, Chair reported the committee did meet this month. Biologist began an aggressive spraying program that was conducted on April 17, 2023. He will follow up next week to see the results. Our hopes are that by reducing the amount of vegetation, the grass carp have a chance to do their job. We will continue to monitor the vegetation and address it. The general manager will now take over working directly with our biologist with this program.

Canvas natural resources has completed their assessment of the 29 tracks of land. We will be working with them on prioritizing our goals of possible timber and recreational uses for each track. We will also look at utilizing and upgrading the trails that we already have in place. The committee had no action items for the board.

Rules and Policies Committee:

Rhonda Bullard, Chair reported the committee did meet this month.

With no Shareholder suggestions for animal control, the Committee voted 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. This is the first reading of this rule change.

Operation Clean UP – Help is available for shareholders who cannot clear their lots. The list of shareholders who received letter last May has been reduced from over 300 to 31. Code enforcement is working with shareholders to clear remaining violations. General Manager will be working with code enforcement to engage new process going forward with a focus on Health and Beautification as opposed to a one time sweep with mass violations being noted. Health and Beautification of CWC Properties is a priority of the strategic plan and of importance to shareholders as noted in the survey taken 2 years ago.

Variance Requests

The committee considered 4 variances this month.

1. SN16A replace building with 12x 16 building 3 feet from lot line.

Committee recommended approval of variance.

Rhonda Bullard moved to approve the variance request. Second made by Logan Lobue.

The motion passed with majority. Director Doug Finn voted no.

2. NE53 dock extension on the lot line. The Committee recommends approval of request. Note: This variance was reworked between Lee and shareholder. Good example of how adjusting the submission dates /meetings is working.

Rhonda Bullard moved to approve the variance request. Second was made by Paul Oberthier.

The motion passed Unanimously.

3. NE27 – build new boathouse 6 ft over lot line. Committee had a split decision on this request.

Thomas Merritt moved to approve the variance. A second was made by Gary Mapes.

The motion failed with Thomas Merritt, Gary Mapes and Cathy Hite voting to approve and other directors voting no.

4. NF24 add to an existing storage closer than setbacks allow from road and water. Committee recommended to approve with fine being paid for proceeding before variance request was approved.

Rhonda Bullard moved to approve the variance. Second was made by Paul Oberthier.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ad Hoc Selection Committee:

Cathy Hite, Chair reported the committee met their responsibilities and made motion to dissolve the committee. Second by Seleta Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

With no other business, President Christy Bussey adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

ATTEST:

Cathy Hite, Secretary

Elderville Lakeport Volunteer Fire Department

by Mike Toon, Vice President GCESD #1



As a commissioner for the Gregg County Emergency Service District #1, I thought it was important to remind our lake community of the important services these dedicated volunteers provide to ensure our safety.

An Emergency Services District is a government entity created by voters in an area to fund Gregg County ESD 1, and provides services through contract with the Elderville Lakeport Volunteer Fire Department (ELVFD) which was established in 1975 and serves Rusk and Gregg County.

We have a dedicated group of volunteer firefighters who respond to calls from their homes whenever they are available and compensated volunteers who supplement our volunteers when they are not available. With four strategically placed fire stations including our newest station that was recently constructed, we can ensure the optimum response time to residences and businesses in our district.

ELVFD responds to emergencies such as grass fires, residential and commercial building fires, vehicle accidents, and medical emergencies. In 2022 we responded to 587 incidents including 126 fire related

calls, 275 Emergency Medical Related Calls, and 186 other calls. This was an increase of about 30% over the previous year. We are dispatched by the Rusk County Sheriff's Office in Rusk County and the City of Longview in Gregg County. In case of an emergency, please call 911 and you will be directed to the appropriate dispatch no matter where you are.

The department is always looking for new members; and, if you live in our fire district, please come by our central fire station located on FM 2011 just east of SH 322. Whether you have experience or not we would love to have you in the department and will supply all of the equipment and training needed to become a firefighter.

On behalf of Gregg County ESD 1 and the Elderville Lakeport VFD, we would like to thank the Cherokee Chatter for the opportunity to connect with the residents that call the lake their home.

We hope to provide more information in the future about the dedication of our new fire station, new equipment, and to share our ideas of raising revenue for future improvements.

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.

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**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.

**Meet and Greet
for the new General Manager**

Thursday April 20, 2023.



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Saturday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Holiday dates/hours:

Monday, May 29th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Tuesday, July 4th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Monday, September 4th 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!

The Cherokee Water Company office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday, May 30th.



Have a great Memorial Day weekend, Lake Cherokee!



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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.

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**NEXT CHATTER
DEADLINE
May 17**

CHATTER E-MAIL

Please send any correspondence related to *The Cherokee Chatter* directly to its dedicated e-mail,

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.

SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT CORNER

MillsLake Cherokee Shareholders are often seen giving back to our surrounding communities in many ways and "Shareholder Spotlight" is our new way to highlight these generous acts of kindness and caring.

Let's celebrate these East Texas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Shareholders pictured below and the difference they are making! They provide valuable volunteer advocacy for children who have experienced abuse and neglect in Gregg, Upshur, and Rusk counties.

East Texas CASA volunteers are individuals from all walks of life who speak up for children navigating the foster care system. They not only provide information to the court and represent the child's best interests, but also research each child's situation to make objective recommendations, helping each reclaim their childhood. Frequently they are the only stable presence in the lives of these children to help navigate the foster care system.

Each volunteer brings three critical qualities to their work:

Individual focus of one case at a time

Unique perspective to the court case
Sole objective to represent the best interests of the child



Pictured: Kasey and Kevin Jones, Tesa Wilson, Lisa Lobue and Jennifer Davis
Not pictured: Larry Camp and Maria

They are not foster parents; they are a voice within the court system making a real difference in a child's life by advocating for their best interests.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, East Texas CASA invites you to join their team of advocates and make a difference in a child's life—and your own, please visit:

WWW.EastTexasCASA.org and click on the Volunteer tab or call (903)-720-1258.

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The Preservation Club met on Thursday, April 20th with President Deanna Kalmus presiding.

Even though the soggy grounds tried to stop us we were able to still pull off a successful Easter Egg Hunt! The Easter bunny arrived in style and assisted in handing out eggs and prizes to about 110 children. Some eggs were hidden by volunteers and others hidden by the children themselves. Children will find a way to make their own fun! All in all it turned out to be a beautiful morning and fun for everyone. Thank you to all our volunteers!

Coming up next....concerts on the island!

Joe Dorsey (Noonday Band)– May 28th

Blaine Hart Band– June 3rd

We are really gearing up for our Wet-n-Wild Boat Rally on June 10th. Three more boat houses are needed so if you've ever wanted to host this is your opportunity! New ideas are being tossed around in order to make this year's event even more successful and fun. We are also contacting local businesses for donations so if you have a business or know of a business that is interested in donating, please let us know. Look for updates or information on our Facebook page. You can let any of our members know if you're interested in hosting a boat house or contact Bart Owens or Darrell Wolven.

Meeting was adjourned! Next meeting is Thursday, May 18th following the CWC Board Meeting.

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Course curriculum is designed to provide professional service providers a better understanding and knowledge of the unique rules, regulations and policies that help make Lake Cherokee such a special community! After successful completion of the test, you will be recognized as a "Star Provider" for Lake Cherokee Shareholders.

A list of Star Providers will be published and available to shareholders on the CWC website, Cherokee Chatter and various media platforms.

The "Star Provider" status and logo can be used in your individual marketing to let prospective clients know that you have an in-depth knowledge of the Lake Cherokee community.

The test will be offered online.

To register, come by the Cherokee Water Company offices at NK 20 Lake Cherokee between the hours of 8:00 am & 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.

Fee for the course is \$250.00 - due at time of registration.

For more information, call the office at (903) 643-3933

Fee covers:

- The instructional course and course prep materials
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First Friends

By Susan Deeds



Thirteen First Friends met for lunch today at the Longview Arboretum, bearing brown bag lunches and cheerful smiles despite the ominous weather. Present with us were Jeanne Collins, Penny Dant, Gail Fowler, Lisa Goethe, Fredna Harris, Betty Heim, Debbie Hobson, Carolyn Matter, Donna Mitchell, Judi Morgan, Barb Robar, Joan Strong, and hostess, Susan Deeds. Gail Fowler opened the luncheon by saying grace. After chatting and catching up a bit, Steven Chamblee, the Executive Director for the Arboretum, got us up to date on new events for the Arboretum and new plans for the Arboretum itself. There are the expected seasonal features, but the Arboretum is expanding all the time. Each time I visit, things look different and new. It is such a beautiful, peaceful place for an all day exploration or a 30 to 45 minute stroll. It is being used for a variety of special events from weddings and engagement parties to Spring and Fall evening concerts. Cinco de Mayo will be celebrated all day at the Arboretum with all sorts of events including food trucks and bounce rides.



Background Left to Right: Susan Deeds, Carolyn Matter, Penny Dant, Judi Morgan, Fredna Harris, Lisa Goettle, Barb Robar, and Donna Mitchell
Foreground: Debbie Hobson

After lunch, we optimistically set out into the gardens to enjoy the sights. It was beautiful, but Mother Nature was not cooperating. It did not take too long before we began to head back inside, but despite the wet weather we were already making plans for our next visit there - an impromptu trip on a beautiful day I can't imagine anything better!

First Friends will meet at Barrons in Longview on May 18th at 11:30am. Jeanne Collins will be the hostess and the topic of discussion will be the Hot Air Balloon Race coming up in June. If you would like to join us there, but are not on the mailing list yet, call or text me at 903-643-9499. We will get you on the list.



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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT OWL RESCUE

Feel good story of the month... On Sunday April 9, 2023 (Easter Sunday) around 9:30 am; shareholders Joe and Julie Thompson, while out for a morning walk, noticed an owl that had become entangled in a barbed wire fence. Not knowing what to do, she called her son Hunter for help. Unable to free the owl, they called one of Lake Cherokee's resident veterinarians Bart Owens and Lake Patrol. Upon arrival, Officer Jeff Halliday, Bart Owens, and Mrs. Thompson went to work in attempts to rescue the bird. After careful manipulation and expertise, the owl was successfully removed from the wire and a local animal rescue clinic was contacted for care and rehabilitation purposes. Upon further investigation, it was realized that the owl had an injured wing and that it would need to remain in rehabilitation in order to mend before being released. As of this writing the owl is doing well and expected to be released back into the wild to live a happy long owl life very soon.

As crazy as it seems, owls get trapped in barbed wire more often than you'd think. Barbed wire fences pose a huge threat to

owls as many of them don't spot them as they are flying around. In some instances, high winds like we had during this time can often throw birds just enough off their path to end up in a mess like happened to this beautiful raptor.

As a side note, it's important to know that along with their varied tasks, Lake Patrol does not focus solely on domestic animals, they are very much concerned with our local environment and do respond to wildlife calls when the animals are injured. Lake Patrol has direct access to local Game Wardens and when the situation arises, it is always top priority when responding to those calls that they do their best to preserve the life of those animals. Our delicate ecosystem of lake living while surrounded by wildlife depends on preservation and care. Thank you so very much to all involved in helping to make this rescue effort a success story!

Although it is said so often, it's true! This place, because of its people and caring nature, truly is a wonderful place to live, work, and play!!!



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EAST TEXAS LAKE HOUSE LIVING AT IT'S BEST!



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Cherokee Fishing Club News

By: Genia Holland

Fishing club news April 20, 2023

We had 52 members and guest present at our April meeting. Thank you to Bob and Anna O'Brien for cooking chicken and spaghetti for our club. Everyone really enjoyed the meal. Lots of good salads and desserts.

Our new members were Lori and Doug Klump and Tommie Moore. Our visitors were Kevin Jones, our new Lake Manager, Logan Lobue, Gary Mapps, and Doug Finn.

Our cookie people were: Larry Willis, Bonnie Haynes, Cathy Withers, Steve Morris, Larry Lacewell, Steve Snider, Bob and Anna O'Brien and Genia Holland.

Joe Travis said catfish and bream should be delivered in the next few weeks. Crappie are doing well. Joe

also mentioned he had read where Iris Spring Bar Soap rubbed around doors and windows would help keep dirt doobers away. The soap could be used to keep dirt doobers out of boat motors and any other enclosed motor.

Garrett Stamport was our speaker this month. Garrett is a biologist at Texas A & M. He is the supervisor of all the county extension agents in Texas. Grant Davis, who is the extension agent for Rusk County was with Garrett at our meeting. Garrett went over the different types of forage fish in our lake. Blub Gill bream are plentiful in our lake. They have good reproduction. The redear bream only reproduce one time per year. The shad in the lake are thread gill and gizzard shad. These were not in great numbers. What is called warmouth need to be taken out of the lake anytime they are caught. The green sunfish eat small bass and should be removed anytime you catch them.

Common Carp are trash fish and should be removed when caught. If you should catch a grass carp don't remove them because they are eating the grass in the lake. It is also illegal to remove the grass carp. Bowfin is native to Texas and com-



Garrett Stamport



Grant Davis

pete with the bass for food. These fish should be removed if you catch them. The spotted gar also competes with bass and crappie for food. They should be removed if you catch them.

Floating fish food is great for the fish. You don't need to use over 33% protein for catfish. We also need to try to keep as much yard fertilizer out of the lake because this makes the grass grow. You could use Aglime in your yard.

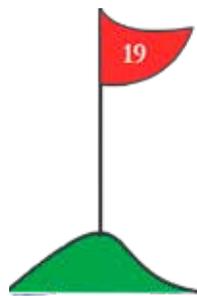
In the Chatter will be an Angler Catch Record Sheet. (Page 17) Try to keep one in your boat and record all fish you catch. This goes for crappie, bass, catfish, and bream. At the bottom of the sheet is the

Email address to sent to Garrett Stamport. We are trying to make sure our fish are growing as they should. For bass you want a fish that has a big guy. He also suggested putting pure Florida Strain bass in our lake.

The raffle winners this month were: Solid Pawn bait bags were: Anna O'Brien and Glenn Hanka. Willard

Jordan won a 5 gallon gas can. John Coward won a Lew's reel. We had T-shirts and caps donated to us and the winners were: Tommy Moore, Nick Fountain, Bubba Walthall, Cathy Withers, and Gary Mapps. Oil change kit was won by Gary Mapps.

Our next meeting is May 8, 2023 at 7 P. M., down stairs of the lake office. See y'all then



News From the 19th Hole

by Celia Taylor

May 2023

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

The winners of 4 Person 3 Club Tournament Blind 9 were: 1st Place: Nan Friend, Bob Thompson, Steve Roberts, & Phillip Works. Congratulations! 2nd Place were: Nelda Desman, Mark Taylor, Myron Foster & Harry Hamilton. Congratulations! This was a fun tournament and all the teams had a great time. Thanks to all that played.

The May tournament will be a 4 Person Modified Shamble – Blind 9. It will be May 13th – tee time 9:00 am. Sign in sheets in the Pro Shop. The club benefit tournament will be June 10th 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 monthly board meeting is the 2nd 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.

The Women play every Tuesday – tee time for May is 9:30 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 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, Dan Rust & 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 1st. 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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2nd place team

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Spring Bass Tournament 2023

By: Genia Holland

I want to thank all the teams that fished this year. We had a total of 45 teams that entered the tournament. Total weight of fish weighed in was 424 pounds.

Big Bass: First place was Eddy Anderson with 6 pounds 12 ounces. Second place was Seth Fuller with 6 pounds 12 ounces. Third place was Darren Tramel with 6 pounds 0 ounces.

Big Stringer: First place was James Elliott and Justin Broomhall with 19 pounds 0 ounces. Second place was Ben Edwards and Seth Fuller with 18 pounds and 14 ounces. Third place was Eddy Anderson and Jay Kidwell with 18 pounds 14 ounces. Forth place was Drew Doerge with 17 pounds 4 ounces. Fourth place was Dana Deason and Aaron Fite with 17 pounds 4 ounces. Fourth place was Harold Dotson and Bud Dotson with 17 pounds 4 ounces. Fourth place was Chad Silvertooth and Cody Silvertooth with 17 pounds 4 ounces. Shipp's Marine in Gladewater, East Texas Sonar, Tracker Boat, Ace Hardware in Lakeport, Stone Works, Jones Supply, BJ Restaurant, Superior Firearms, Harleys in Lakeport, Tractor Supple in Lakeport. The total payout for this tournament was \$1949.00.

I want to thank Bo Besharse for being our weigh master this year. Also, thanks to Bryce and Mary Tawney for posting the fish weighed in and keeping a total of the places to be paid out. Thank you to Bob and Anna O'Brien for helping with the collecting of door prizes and setting up for the handing out of door prizes. Bob also took pictures and measured the length of fish at weigh in. Thanks to everyone that helped this year.

I am listing all of the business that donated to this year's door prizes. Please be sure to thank these business that gave to our tournament. The following is a list of the business that donated to our tournament: Larry Dodge "Allstate" in Lakeport, Boat Hoist USA, R&K Distribution, Nappa Auto in Tatum, Nichols Marine, Skeeter Boat in Kilgore, Auto Zone on Estes Parkway, Tatum, Saltgrass, Bodacious BBQ on Sixth Street, Wings and Whitetails in Carthage, Dukes Fish Shack, Texas Roadhouse, Outback Steakhouse, Ellis pottery, Toot Toot's Boutique, East Texas Hardware, Carter's BBQ, Miss Minnie's Place in Hallsville, Golden Corral in Longview, Flying Burger, Adams Rib in Lakeport, Jack of Pawn, Tidwell Tire, Crawfish Cove, Sonic in Lakeport, Bob and Anna O'Brien, Back Porch in Kilgore, Cajan Tex in Marshall, Atwood's in Kilgore, Visiting Angels in Tyler, Vera Bank in Lakeport, and Red Dirt Caps in Arp Texas.

Our Fall Bass Tournament will be on October 14, 2023 so be sure to put the date on your calenders.

Our next fishing club meeting will be May 8, 2023 at 7 P.M. down stairs at the lake office.





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Yellow Finch photo submitted by Deby Hamm



Lake Cherokee Photography Club

The April meeting of the Lake Cherokee Photography Group met Tuesday, April 11, at 6 PM at the Lake Cherokee Office, NK20.

We continued our discussion and settled some factors for our upcoming photography contest. Look for future articles with more information and submission details.

In addition to the contest, for which there will be some cash prizes, we will have a judge who is not connected to or living on the lake, to insure impartiality.

This contest will provide the pictures for the 2024 Preservation Club Calendar, unlike previous years, where individuals submitted to the Preservation Club directly. We are hoping to be able to display the submitted images as well.

Currently we will ask for prints to be 8 ½ x11 inches, and submission date will be early August. Now is the time to look at your Lake Cherokee images, or get out photographing.

We did not view any images this month due to the amount of discussion surrounding our project. Next month, please bring a few images to show.

Our next meeting will be May 9 at 6 PM. Hope to see you there. All Lake Cherokee residents are welcome at any time.

Welcome to Lake Cherokee

March 2023 Transfers - 3

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 March 2023

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| Facility Check: 1,555 | Clear roadway of trees/debris: 13 |
| Extra Patrol: 108 | Disturbance: 2 |
| Welfare Check: 1 | Burglary/Theft: 1 |
| Open Door/Blg/Veh: 2 | Alarms: 6 |
| Suspicious Person/Vehicle: 10 | Vehicle/Boat accident: 0 |
| Issue Permit: 32 | Water Response Calls: 0\1 |
| Set Out/Pick up trap: 2 | Code/Trash Violations: 7 |
| Remove animal from trap/lot: 4 | Assist other Agency: 6 |
| Remove dead animal: 3 | |

Variance Deadlines have changed!!

The following are the new deadlines.

5/1—5/18 Board meeting

5/29—6/15 Board meeting

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

In case of EMERGENCY, please call 9-1-1

and then Lake Patrol at (903) 643-7321

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| Mother's Day | | | Chatter Deadline Bridge Club | First Friends CWC Board Meeting Preservation Club | | Armed Forces Day |
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