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6th Annual Lake Cherokee
Trick-or-Treat
Saturday, October 25th

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 **LAKE CHEROKEE TEXAS**

Annual Shareholder Meeting 2025

 **November 13, 2025**
7:00 PM

 **CWC Office**
NK 20 Lake Cherokee, 75603

 Cherokee Water Company
903-643-3933

Agenda Highlights

- GM's Year-in-review
- CPA Financial Results
- Board Election Results



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Competition and Balance Part 1 - Forage Diversity

Introduction

Lake Cherokee is home to a broad diversity of both native and non native fish species. Fish diversity is frequently viewed as beneficial, especially in large lakes, however it can also cause issues with fish performance if improperly balanced. Maintaining balance between different fish species is crucial to achieving good growth rates of both sportfish and forage. In this article we will discuss how fish diversity, competition, and balance impacts forage populations.

Competition

Identifying and managing competition in aquatic environments is critical to achieving success with fish health and growth rates. Understanding competition is important because lakes and ponds have a maximum amount of fish they can support, called carrying capacity. Carrying capacity is based on environmental factors such as total oxygen production and/or food chain production which determines the amount of fish a lake can support. Which means, the more diversity you have in a lake, the less of each fish species that can be present. For example, if a lake can support 100lbs of fish per acre, and the only species present are bluegill and largemouth bass, then the amount of bluegill and bass will be high compared to a lake with 6 or 7 different species making up the same 100lbs.

In a large lake like Cherokee, creeks and the local watershed contribute to increased diversity, meaning that as lake managers we have to be mindful of the species present and maintain balance accordingly. When it comes to forage fish in the lake, gizzard shad, threadfin shad, bluegill, and redbreast sunfish make up the primary species. All of these species in a lake this size are beneficial (with the exception of very large gizzard shad >1lb, that are no longer prey). However, these beneficial species have to compete for space and resources with other non forage fish such as common carp, buffalo, freshwater drum, green sunfish, and technically, sportfish. (The sportfish competition with forage goes back to past articles where we discuss proper forage to sportfish ratios needed for optimal sportfish growth: 10lbs of forage = 1lb sportfish gain). Carp, drum, and buffalo can all reach large sizes and increase in population rapidly. To put into perspective, in recent electrofishing surveys we removed 5 large common carp (non native) with an average weight over 20lbs per fish. Meaning that 5 fish in the lake took up over 100 pounds of space that could have otherwise been bluegill, shad, or other sunfish. And, those 100lbs of missed out forage could have fed and created 10lbs of sportfish. In short, those 5 carp, had they not been in the lake, could have down the line been a 10+lb bass instead. While these extrapolations are clearly not an exact and direct science, they are intended to show you just how much

impact these non desirable species can have, especially if they are not actively controlled and managed.

Management and Balance

Ultimately our goal as lake managers is to grow the maximum amount of healthy bass, crappie, and sunfish we can for anglers on Lake Cherokee. In order to do this, the first step is balancing out and mitigating competition with the forage species in the lake. Fortunately, there are several different steps that can be taken to favor the beneficial species over the non forage fish.

The first and most effective step is fish harvest. Removing fish from the lake that do not contribute to the management goals will have the greatest impact on more beneficial species by freeing up space and the food chain. This is especially true for large carp that will have virtually no natural predators to remove them from the environment. Failure to implement this step, will make the following steps far less helpful because these non desirable fish will still occupy significant poundage per acre. The second step that can be taken is supplemental feeding. The addition of fish feed to environments allows more fish to be supported than what a lake could hold with the natural food chain. It also targets certain species like sunfish, which are more likely to come to the surface and feed than some of the other non forage species. Finally, habitat and environment management can help. This can include adding peagravel spawning areas for sunfish, or brush piles under docks for small forage fish to avoid predation, and even things like ensuring adequate alkalinity to produce enough phytoplankton for shad to thrive. While not an exhaustive list of management steps, these examples show ways to help forage species have a competitive edge in the environment.

Conclusion

The topic of competition and managing for balance can go well beyond the scope of what we discussed in today's article, however my goal in writing this was not to include the life history of all of these species but rather raise awareness on how fish diversity, while cool to have, must also be managed. Failure to control these "non beneficial species" can result in a significant reduction in the amount of sought after fish. We have seen species like common carp and buffalo account for more than 90% of the total biomass of lakes. While this is not currently the case in Lake Cherokee, without proper management, these things become possible.

For more information on the various species in Cherokee or competition contact: garrett@pristinepondsolutions.com

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MESSAGE from the MANAGER

Happy Fall, Lake Family! As we step into the new season, I'd like to take a moment to address a couple of questions and topics that have recently come up through our office. These include the future and current status of our recycling options here at the lake, as well as an important reminder of what to do in the event of an emergency requiring medical, fire, or police response."

In the event of a medical, fire, or any other emergency, your first call should always be to **911** to ensure that emergency services are dispatched immediately. After doing so, and if you are able, please notify **Lake Patrol 903-643-7321**. Because of the way calls are routed, it is critical that emergency responders are contacted first. It's important to get first responders on the way immediately, as they are often not as close as we might assume, and it can take extra time before they arrive on scene. Our officers are trained in basic emergency response, and we are proud to have three certified EMTs on staff. We continue to expand our training and medical response capabilities and are honored to serve and protect our community.

We understand and appreciate the value many shareholders place on recycling. However, after careful review and ongoing challenges, we've made the decision not to resume providing dedicated recycling dumpsters at our locations.



Kevin Jones

General Manager, Lake Cherokee

As part of our contract with Republic Industries for waste management, a budgeted item for our operations, it has become increasingly difficult and costly to maintain the recycling bins. Proper recycling requires all materials to be clean and free of any contamination. Unfortunately, items such as greasy pizza boxes, containers with food residue, or even entire trash bags have repeatedly been placed in the recycling bins. When this occurs, the entire bin is considered contaminated and is either rejected by the recycling truck driver at CWC locations or later rejected at the recycling facility.

In the first scenario, our maintenance department must intervene, either to remove contaminated items or to transfer the entire load into regular trash dumpsters. If a contaminated load is taken to the recycling facility, it must be reloaded, transported, and disposed of at a landfill, incurring additional charges for which we are responsible. This not only burdens our staff but also creates unexpected costs outside of our regular waste management agreement. Because contaminated recyclables are rejected and sent to the landfill, it is more beneficial for shareholders to take their materials directly to the Kilgore facility; otherwise, due to how easily this material becomes contaminated, far less is truly recycled and given a new life, with most instead ending up in regular landfills.

Additionally:

1. Low Participation Rate: Only a small percentage of shareholders consistently use the recycling bins properly, making it financially and logistically inefficient to continue offering this service on-site for the entire community.

2. Space and Aesthetic Concerns: Recycling bins often overflow or are misused, creating unsightly messes and taking up valuable space that could be better allocated to properly managed waste disposal.

We encourage shareholders who wish to recycle to take advantage of the nearby recycling facility, which accepts clean recyclables free of charge. This option ensures materials are properly handled and avoids contamination issues that have plagued our on-site bins. We appreciate your understanding and your continued efforts to support environmentally responsible practices.

Here is the recycling information.

Northeast Texas Regional MRF
2306 US Hwy 259 BUS Kilgore, TX 75662
903-615-1300

For the public, there is no charge for household recycling.

They have bins in front of the business for each specific type of recyclable. They take plastic, tin, aluminum, paper, cardboard.

NO GLASS

All recyclables must be pre-sorted and put in their respective bins. **No bags**

Hours of operation: M-F 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Respectfully,
Kevin Jones, GM

John 16:33



AUGUST 2025 FISHING CONTEST WINNERS!!



Olivia, 8
Bass



Beau, 8
Bream



Kyndal, 10
Crappie



Jaxxon, 14
Catfish



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**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD
OF DIRECTORS
CHEROKEE WATER
COMPANY
Thursday,
September 18, 2025**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Cherokee Water Company was held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at NK 20 Lake Cherokee, Longview Texas 75603 with the following Directors present:

**Gary Mapes, President- Absent
David McDaniel, Vice President
Randy Graves, Treasurer
Dee Rea, Secretary**

**Kristina Coolidge
Justin Simmons
Cody Edmonson
Cory Eason**

**Mary Yoder- Absent
Alan Koelemay
George Steele
Jeff Patty**

Vice President, David McDaniel called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
Dee Rea, Secretary, pronounced a quorum.

Dee Rea made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Cherokee Water Company, Thursday, August 21, 2025. Second by Randy Graves.
The resolution passed by unanimous consent.

General Manager's Report:

Kevin provided an operation report including stats on administrative, patrol and maintenance departments. Other items reported on:

1. Kevin discussed the progress on the work of sealing the drainpipe at the dam. Divers have removed the platform at the dam. The actual sealing of the pipe traveling underneath the dam has been completed. The pipe was filled from one end to the other with concrete.

2. Kevin will meet with AEP Management on September 25, 2025, to discuss their plans to repair the AEP Discharge Canal and the removal of the sand bar that has formed at the exit of the canal.

3. The construction of a silt pond at the end of the NQ cove has begun. All of the timber in the silt pond area has been removed. Digging and removal of dirt to form the actual pond will begin immediately.

4. Kevin displayed a picture of the new decals used to identify Mud Boats that have been inspected and that have approved exhaust systems.

Cathy Hite, Office Manager, gave an Office Update:

1. Board elections are rapidly approaching. Board Packets may be picked up now with the submission window being September 16 to 30th.

2. The lease management System has been upgraded. Communication about the process will go out via Email on Monday, September 22, 2025.

a) Lease Renewals will be done strictly online.

c) Privilege Cards will be done electronically.

d) Auto/Watercraft Decals will be hand delivered for Lake Cherokee Mailing Addresses by Lake Patrol.

3. Storage Unit Rentals - Invoices will be online in the Portal and Payments will be made online with credit cards, Echecks or mail payments.

4. Fall cleanup weekend of October 17-19th. has been CANCELLED. The next monthly storage clean-up will be October 13-17th.

5. Cathy encouraged every shareholder to attend the National Night Out to be held October 7th

Treasurers Report:

A motion was made by Randy Graves to certify the bills paid for the month of August 2025. George Steele seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Randy Graves to approve reporting of Financials for August 2025. Dee Rea seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Rules, Policy & Variance Committee
David McDaniel, Chairman reported:
The Committee reviewed 4 variance requests:

NE 36: A variance was requested to build a swimming pool that will be closer than 75 feet from the shoreline. The variance was reviewed by the Committee, and they voted unanimously to approve the variance. David McDaniel made a motion to approve the variance, and the motion was seconded by Randy Graves. **The motion passed with unanimous consent.**

NE 42: A variance was requested to demolish an old decaying wooden building and build a new metal shop on the existing concrete foundation. The foundation is 3 feet off the property line. The new building will measure the same as the old building, 30 feet by 24 feet and a new carport measuring 20 feet by 30 feet will be built on. The variance was reviewed by the committee and all committee members voted to approve the variance. David McDaniel made a motion to approve the variance, and the motion was seconded by Cody Edmonson. **The motion passed with unanimous consent.**

NQ 24A: A variance was requested to build a new carport cover with a gravel base next to an existing concrete driveway that will be closer than 75 feet from the water shoreline. The variance was reviewed by the Committee, and they voted unanimously to approve the variance. David McDaniel made a motion to approve the variance, and the motion was seconded by Alan Koelemay. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

**Proposed Rule Change
Second Reading**

General Rules & Regulations, VI. Prohibited Watercraft Equipment

Definitions

Current Rule:

No motors with open exhaust will be allowed to operate on Lake Cherokee
No sirens except by Lake Cherokee Patrol-

men and law enforcement personnel on duty.

Proposed Rule Change, First Reading:
No motors with open exhaust will be allowed to operate on Lake Cherokee. Mud boat motor (surface drive or longtail motors) exhaust systems must be muffled using factory or factory offered equivalent muffler (i.e.BPS Q) Modifications that bypass or reduce the muffler's effectiveness are prohibited.
No sirens except by Lake Cherokee Patrolmen and law enforcement personnel on duty. (re-numbered only)

Rationale: To manage the noise and disruption that can result from these types of boats.

The Rules and Policy Committee heard testimony from a CWC shareholder about a recent near miss when their fishing boat was swamped from large waves while at the south boat ramp. Two other near misses involving fishing boats being swamped from behind by large waves generated by wake boats were also discussed. The committee is concerned about these near misses and the potential for future accidents. The BOD will be investigating solutions to this potential hazard.

Natural Resources Committee Meeting

The Natural Resources Committee met on Friday, September 12, at 10:00.
Members Present: Dee Rea, Alan Koelemay, Cody Edmonson, Justin Simmons.
President Gary Mapes was present
Member Absent: David McDaniel

Discussions began with bringing everyone up to date on the silt removal project in the NQ cove. Kevin has met with Bo Pepper and Bill Pope to assure everyone is on the same page. A scope of work has been identified and contracts signed. Work on the project will begin the week of September 15. The silt pond will be dug first and then the silt removed and island removal will follow. It is the Committee's recommendation that road be reinforced traveling down both sides of the silt pond. This will facilitate easier maintenance of the silt pond.

Mud Creek was to be our next siltation removal project, however, realizing the NP Cove (Eagle Cove) is rapidly silting in again we should pay attention to it first. The Committee recommends the two drainages emptying into the cove be lined with 48-inch culverts and covered. A siltation pond dam be built and the shoreline at the end of the cove be stabilized, possibly, with rip wrap.

Insurance for contractors was addressed again. The Committee believes we should require all contractors working on the lake be insured to the amount of liability they present while working on the lake. Each contractor should also have an emergency spill kit on site. The Committee discussed adding a rule to address this issue.

The timber coverage on the Beaver Run lots the CWC has for sale was discussed. Kevin informed us that the timber contractor said clear cutting is the only feasible option.

Permits	
AUGUST 2025	
Permit Type	#
Accessory Building	2
Boathouse - New	5
Boathouse - Repair	7
Demolition	3
Dirt Work / Drainage	1
Driveway / Walkway	2
Fence	1
Home Repairs / Additions	4
New Construction	5
OSSF	2
Other	0
Outdoor Enhancement	2
Pool	2
Retaining Wall	4
Total Permits	41

The Committee is OK with that if all the hardwoods are saved. We discussed, possibly, adding other areas for timber harvest to make this project more appealing to contractors.

The Committee would also like an update for the Board on the progress of cleaning out existing silt ponds.

Community Relations Committee Report
Kristina Coolidge, Chairman reported:

The Cherokee Board elections are approaching and we encourage our shareholders to run for the board.

Candidate packets are available now at the office.

Applications will be accepted from September 16 to September 30th at 4:00 PM.

A Meet and Greet/ Q and A with the candidates will be held October 9th at 5:30 PM.

On November 13, at the annual shareholders meeting the election results will be announced.

With no other business, David McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm.

ATTEST

Dee Rea, Secretary



LAKE CHEROKEE SECURITY REPORT AUGUST 2025

FACILITY CHECK: 2282

OPEN DOOR: 17

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/PERSON: 20

WELFARE CHECK: 1

ASSIST SHAREHOLDER: 34

ISSUE TREE PERMIT: 23

ANIMAL ASSIST: 5

CLEAR ROADWAY OF TREES/DEBRIS:12

EXTRA PATROL: 328

DISTURBANCE: 2

ALARMS: 7

VEHICLE / BOAT ACCIDENT: 0

WATER RESPONSE/BOAT TOW: 3

ASSIST AGENCY: 6

BURGLARY/THEFT: 1

Welcome to
Lake Cherokee



August 2025

Transfers- 15

if you have any questions
regarding a property or stock transfer,
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(903) 643-3933

misty@lkcherokee.com

Lake Cherokee Preservation Club

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November 8th

Noon to 4:00pm

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For Shareholders and Guests

For questions or to submit entry contact:

Deanna Kalmus 469-964-1765 - dkalmus@lisd.org

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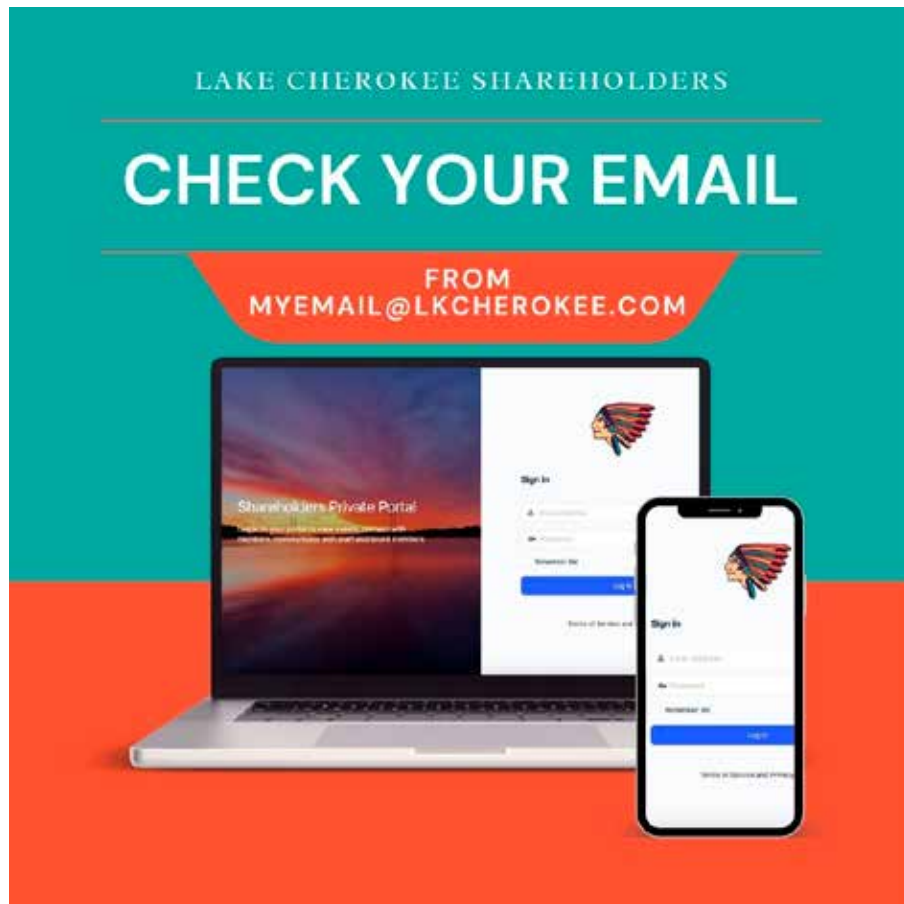
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Lease Renewals 2025–2026

Important Dates

- **Lease Renewals Open:** Monday, September 22, 2025, via the Shareholder Portal.
- **Deadline:** October 31, 2025, to avoid late fees.

Renewal Process

- All renewals will be completed online through the Shareholder Portal (no paper leases this year).
- Need help? Office staff will be available to assist shareholders with online renewals.

Lease Amounts

- **Annual Lease Dues:** \$1,975
- **Split Payment Option:** Two payments of \$1,000 each (includes a \$25 processing fee).
 - First payment must be received by October 31, 2025.
 - If not, the **full amount** will be required starting **November 1, 2025**.

Payment Options

- Pay online via Visa, Mastercard, or E-Check/ACH.
- Or, pay by check—either by mail or in person at the office.
- **Late Fees:** \$100 if not received by **November 1, 2025**, plus an additional \$100 for each month thereafter.

What's New This Year

1. **Electronic Privilege Cards**
 - Cards will be created and emailed directly to the shareholder (or spouse) email on file.
2. **Decal Delivery for Local Shareholders**
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👉 Keep an eye out for a reminder on **September 22nd** when lease renewals officially open on the portal!

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November 8th, 2025



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3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

Turn in entries to: dkalmus@lisd.org

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If you have questions please call or email:

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- Recipe can be of team choosing but 15lbs meat required for each batch of chili
- Free entry for maximum 6 team members
- Trophies for:
 - People's Choice (Overall),
 - Judge's Choice (1st, 2nd, and 3rd),
 - Best in Show (costume and decor)
 - Realtor's Gold Award



First Friends



We took September's gathering of First Friends "on the road"! We met on Thursday, September 18th, 2025 at 11:30 in Marshall, TX at the Michelson Art Museum for a tour. Then over to Pizzeria by Pietro's downtown for lunch. The "crowd" was slim - there were only 3 of us... Carol Church, Teresa Davis and Gail Fowler, but the time we had was huge! The visiting, the tour, the delicious meal, and even the weather were all PERFECT!



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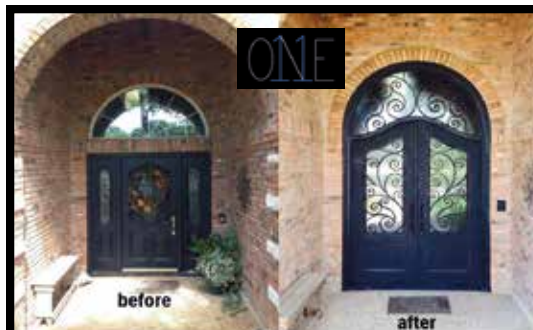
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BRIDGE CLUB

By Jeanne Collins

Do you like to play dominoes? Do you play the game called "42", also known as Texas 42? In 2011 it was designated as the official State Domino Game of Texas. There are many similarities between the domino game of 42 and the card game of Bridge, and both were derived from the card game Whist. Both involve bidding, declaring a trump suit and catching tricks. If you like to play 42, come try your hand at playing bridge.

Bridge play at the CWC club is very informal, and men and women of all skill levels are welcome. If you do not know how to play, we will teach

you. We play every Wednesday at the CWC Library, next door to the CWC Office. We start at 11:00 am and play four rounds, usually finishing by 2:30 pm.

At our CWC club weekly games the person with the high score for the room each Wednesday gets to put his or her name "On the Wall".

If you would like to join in, please do not hesitate to just show up on any Wednesday. We look forward to meeting you!

Jeanne Collins

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**Cherokee
Fishing
Club**

By Lori Klump,
Member

September 2025

The September meeting was well attended, with 52 members and guests. Pete and Carol Staiti helped us say farewell to summer with hot dogs, burgers and all the fixin's. Additional thanks to John Traylor, Larry Willis, Genia Holland, Anna O'Brien and David Wilson for bringing delicious sides and desserts.

Membership continues to grow! We welcomed Ken Howard and two new youth members who won the Kids' Fishing Contest in August – Jaxxon and Olivia, bringing the total to over 140.

Guests attending our meeting included Kristina Coolidge, Beth Matlock and Alice Berryhill of Coolidge & Company, Julie and Josh Vestfals, Lisa Lobue and David Tramel.

The Kids' Fishing Contest winners stole the show, sharing their strategies for bagging the winning bass and catfish. Kristina, Beth and Alice presented the winners with their prize money, certificates and trophies. The kids' contest runs through September.

Other "fish tales" were shared by members, including some real success with night fishing, even during the full moon. Scott Withers reported his wife, Cathy, continues to outdo him, catching a 7+ lb. catfish and a big grennel/bowfin. You'll just have to come to the next meeting if you want the details on how it's done. Also, members have access to the list of brush piles located across the lake.

Club business included a recommendation by George Steele to construct permanent, PVC-type underwater fish attractors to gradually replace the willow and Christmas tree brush piles we have now. The group was all for reducing the amount of time and effort it takes each year to put out replacement brush! George will bring back specifics for further review.

Two tournaments are coming up: Crappie on September 27 and Bass on October 18. Both offer cash payout winnings based upon number of entries. Big winner in the crappie tournament will also receive a new ACC Crappie Stik rod. See the Chatter for entry forms and full details. These tournaments are also a valuable source of information regarding the health of our lake fish. Garrett Stampert, our lake biologist, will be on-hand at the crappie tournament to gather data, which informs our decisions for bag limits and re-stocking.

In addition, the club is hosting a spontaneous "Big Bass Bounty" contest, September 8 through October 18. Member Dana Deason generously donated a 7' Competition Series spinning rod from Pride Fishing as the prize. Photos of Lake Cherokee Bass, greater than 5 lbs. should



Bass Winner

be submitted to fishingcherokee@gmail.com. Bass caught in the October 18 tournament are also eligible.

Gary Lindsey, Hatchery Director, is getting the ponds ready for winter, which means draining and letting them dry. Hundreds of Florida strain fingerlings were released earlier this summer. Any remaining fingerlings in the ponds will be released prior to winterizing.

CFC Board elections for 2026 are in January. President, Secretary and Habitat director will be open. Interested candidates are invited to contact Bryce Tawney or any other board member for more information and to be added to the ballot.

Congratulations to our Raffle winners this month: Tackle bags – Pete Staiti, Bo Besharse, Tom Kelly and Gary Lindsey. Scott Withers won the highly coveted gas can.

CFC members, shareholders and privilege card holders and CWC employees are all invited to our meetings, second Monday of each month at the CWC office (NK 20). Dinner is served at 6:30, meeting is 7-8.

Next meeting is October 13th. Program will feature Lance Kennel, speaking on winterizing your boat and Joe Nolley, co-founder of Hi-Yah Baits. Joe's company is supporting several youth fishing teams in the area. He will be sharing more about that and information on their latest products. See you there!



Catfish Winner



At the board meeting on September 18, 2025 Mike Toon and Kevin Jones thanked the Elderville Fire Department for their donation of 11 digital radios and 2 base stations to CWC. This donation allows Lake Patrol to communicate directly with the Fire Department and other agencies during emergencies.

Pictured: Chris Harding, Fire Chief Elderville Fire Department, Kevin Jones, GM CWC, Mike Toon, Board Member Elderville Fire Department and Clint Funderburk, President of the Board Elderville Fire Department.

Cherokee Fishing Club

Registrant or One Team Member must have 2025 CFC Membership

Fall Bass Tournament Entry Form

October 18, 2025

Event Start Time

6:30 A.M.

Event Weigh-in Time

Opens 1:00 P.M.

Must be in weigh-in line by 3:00 P.M.

Team Members

Name: _____ Name: _____

Cherokee Fishing Club Member Information (CFC Member is Shareholder/Privilege Card holder/CWC Employee) Adult Member \$20 (Youth Member \$10 – 16 yrs old and younger)

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Lake Lot #: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Entry Fee is \$50.00 for a boat/ 2-member team or single-lone fisherman.

CFC Membership: _____ Entry Fee: _____ Donation to Hatchery/Habitat: _____

Total Amount Paid: _____

Mail entry form to Cherokee Fishing Club, NG54 Lake Cherokee, Longview, TX 75603, must be received by Thursday, before the tournament. Or drop off at CWC Office (NK20), no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the tournament.

For questions, call David Wilson 903-235-6458 or Bryce Tawney 281-433-6660.

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 above signed 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.

CHEROKEE FISHING CLUB

CFC BASS TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Registrant or One Team Member must have 2025 CFC Membership

A. General Rules

1. All Texas rules of 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.
2. Each boater must wear a USCG-approved life vest any time the main motor is started or running. Inflatable life vests are permitted, provided they are worn at all times.
3. No alcohol or drugs are allowed while fishing in the tournament. Violations will result in disqualification.
4. Any person found to be cheating or endangering watercraft, its occupants, or the property of others will be disqualified and may be banned from all Cherokee Fishing Club events.
5. All weigh-in results of the Tournament Scale are official. Any protests must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director at the time of weigh-in. The Tournament Director's decision will be final.
6. All participants must display good sportsmanship. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including cheating, harassment, or verbal/physical interference with tournament weigh-in or with other participants, will result in disqualification.
7. No Fishing is allowed within 100 yards of the tournament weigh-in location
8. Fishermen must be in the Weigh-In line no later than the designated time of the end of the tournament.
9. 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.

10. Entry fees will not be refunded unless the tournament is canceled or postponed by the CFC President or CFC Tournament Director.
 11. Participants may fish from the bank, a dock, a boat, canoes, kayaks, rubber rafts, and float tubes.
- #### B. Bass Tournament – Black, Spotted, Florida, or any combination thereof.
1. Entry Fee is \$50.00 for a boat/2-member team or a single lone fisherman. The team sponsoring shareholder or one person in the boat must be a current paid-up CFC member. No more than two people per boat.
 2. Start time is 6:30 a.m., and Weigh-in time is 3:00 p.m. Participants may weigh in any time after 1:00 p.m. until the final weigh-in time. Late arrivals will not be allowed to weigh in.
 3. Bag limit: five (5) fish per boat. Fish must be a minimum of fourteen (14)" or greater in length. No dead fish are allowed at the weigh-in. Each dead fish will be assessed a weight penalty .5 lb.
 4. Winning places to be paid will be determined by the Tournament Director and, in the absence of the Tournament Director, an officer of the CFC.
 5. Prizes will be awarded based on team results on the heavy stringer. The Tournament Director may have individual prizes based on the heaviest Bass and additional levels of the heaviest Bass.
 6. All weigh-in results of the Tournament Scale are official. Any protests must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director during weigh-in. The Tournament Director's decision will be final.

Generally, Fishermen may not retain any Bass brought to weigh in. All Bass brought to weigh-in will be released back into the lake unless the Tournament Director elects a Harvesting option.

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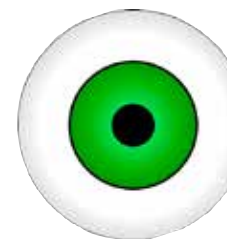
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The September meeting of the Lake Cherokee Photography Club was held on September 9, 2025 at the Lake Office. Mr. Pliny Mier was our guest speaker. He presented information and images of birds and birding tips to improve opportunities to best capture birds, if only in our back yards. We thank you for your presentation. He enjoyed attending the photo safari last month too.

October 14, 2025 meeting will be a business meeting. We need to plan our spring activities as well as discuss the December holiday party. Be thinking of speakers you may know, topics of interest, or what skills you can share.

November 11, 2025 will feature Patty Stewart who will share a history of Patty Stewart Photography. She has photographed some very well known individuals during her career.

December 9, 2025 is the date of the Holiday Party. We know the place which will be posted after the October meeting with the finalized details. We have already discussed the white elephant gift exchange which has been great fun in the past! Start looking for your white elephant.

January 13, 2026 will feature another lesson by Marc Bailey. He always has something interesting for us and often there is a way to practice. We all work with phone cameras during this session, so everyone can see results immediately. I will try to get more details from him closer to the date.

February 10, 2026 Need idea for future programs or projects.....

Please feel free "walk-in" and join us at any meeting. We meet the second Tuesday of the month, at 6 PM at the lake office, downstairs. All Lake residents are invited. Many of us are phone photographers, and some have more advanced equipment. We want to encourage participation whether you are a beginner or advanced photographer. There are no dues. There is a Photography Club Facebook page and an email list to be sure you are kept updated. You can email me at greytbiker@yahoo.com and put "Photo Club" in the subject line and I will get back to you to answer any questions or to collect information if you want to be in the email list.

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Lake Cherokee Photography Club



Pliny Mier - Presenter



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Crappie Tournament September 27, 2025
Monthly Clean Up October 13-17, 2025
Fall Bass Tournament October 18, 2025
Chili Fest November 8, 2025
Monthly Clean Up November 10-14, 2025



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Variance Deadlines 2025

9/30- 10/16 Board Meeting
10/28-11/13 Board meeting

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Tuesday - Friday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Friday, July 4th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Saturday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Monday, September 1st 8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Nov 1st – Feb 28th CLOSED
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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

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- The instructional course and course prep materials
- 1 year of advertising in the Star Provider Directory on CWC website, Cherokee Chatter and various media platforms used by CWC
- Email notifications throughout the year to keep Star Providers updated on any rule or policy changes that could impact service providers and shareholders.

NEWS FROM THE 19TH HOLE

by Alyce Clark

We had a beautiful day for our September, String Tournament. Thank you to all the teams who participated.

First Place - Wayne Hoskins, Larry Lancaster, Daniel Zapata & Jason Sipes (photo unavailable)

Second Place - Mike Erwin, Mark Taylor, Tammie Spicer, and Myron Foster

Closest to the hole: Bob Thompson
PRO SHOP hours for October are 7:30 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday. Closed on Mondays for course maintenance. The course will be open Columbus Day at 7:00 am. The Columbus Day Fun Bunch will begin at 9:00 am.

The WOMEN'S group play every Tuesday morning usually at 8:30 am depending on the weather. Hours may vary so please call the Pro Shop for the tee time.

The CCGA LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP will be October 6 & 7. Please call the Pro Shop or check our Facebook page for tee time.

SATURDAY FUN BUNCH is every Saturday except for tournament days @ 9:00 am. It is a "choose up" style scramble format. It's a lot of fun. Teams are picked randomly the morning of the tournament so plan to arrive early. Hours may vary so please call the Pro Shop for the tee time.

The OCTOBER TOURNAMENT will be the WACKY Tournament held on OCTOBER 11, at 9:00 am. Join us for this 4 Person Scramble that promises multiple formats in 18 holes along with lots of laughs and good times. The cost is \$30 per player. Lunch will be available after the tournament.

The next Board Meeting will be on Thursday, October 9th @ 6:00 pm. It is an open meeting, and all are welcome to attend and ask questions.



Welcome to our new members:
Mike Boyd Patrick Campbell
James Lackey Ryder Ruston
Luke Thornton Rick Tyler

CHEESEBURGER HOLE: Those familiar with our course will notice a new sign on one of our tee boxes. Hole #5 has been renamed "The Cheeseburger Hole" in honor of Andrew Porter, a young man who tragically passed away at the age of 10.

Andrew was the grandson of our longtime member, Phil Porter. He cherished playing golf with his grandfather and, even more, loved to beat him. They had a special agreement: if Andrew made a birdie on Hole #5, he would be rewarded with a cheeseburger on the way home. Andrew earned himself many cheeseburgers! Thank you Porter family for sharing Andrew's story and we are honored to remember his legacy.

FIRST TEE began their Fall Session on September 6 @ 8:00 am and will end on October 18th.

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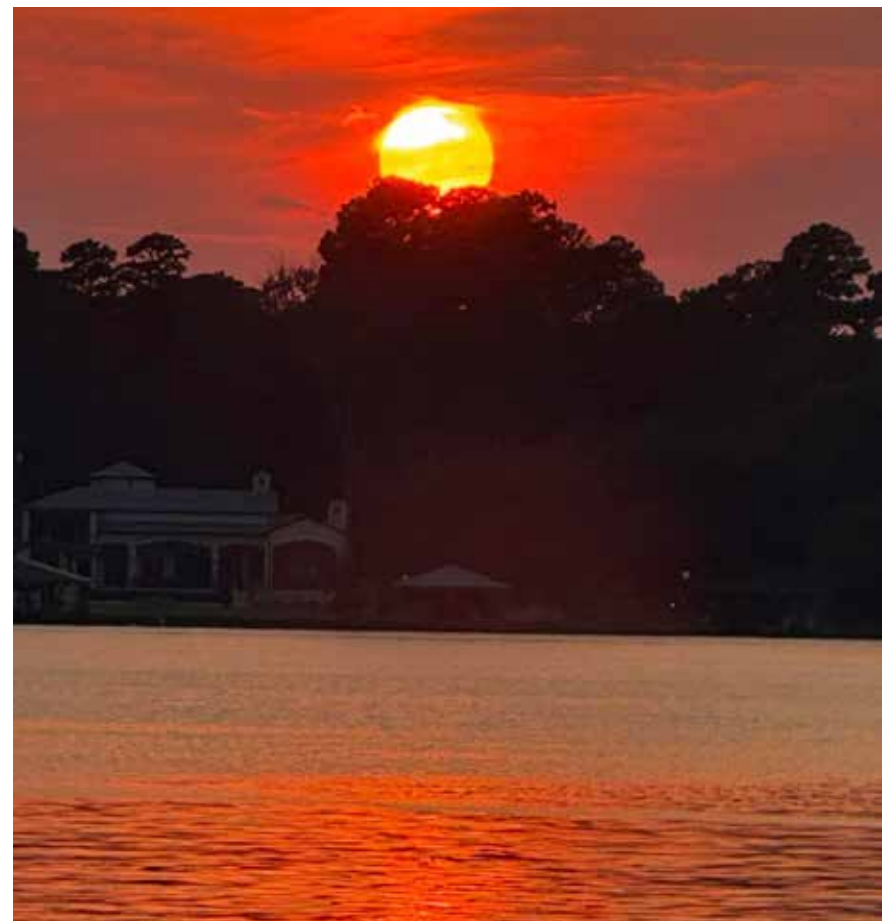
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Below are the contest rules:

1. Enter catches simply by emailing a photo with contestant holding their fish on scale to fishing@lakecherokee.com
2. Weight of the fish and fish must be visible in the photo.
3. Email entries must include: Photo, youth's name, lot number, mailing address.
4. All submissions must be made to fishing@lakecherokee.com to be considered.
5. You will receive a reply to your submission to confirm you are entered.
6. All fish MUST be caught on Lake Cherokee.
7. In the event of a weight tie, the 1st received entry will be the winner.
8. By entering the contest, participants grant permission for the winner's photo to be published along with the youth's first name on social media and in local publications (e.g., Cherokee Chatter).
9. The monthly contest closes on the last day of each month at midnight & a new contest begins the 1st of each month.

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The Preservation Club met on September 18th following the board meeting.

Our Family Fun Festival took place on August 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thank you to Jackie Clayton / Clayton's deli for donating the hotdogs and Kristen Bates for the tasty snow cones. We had great participation!

Looking ahead, the club is preparing for Chili Fest on November 8th. Do you have a fabulous chili recipe? Gather a team, sign up, and compete for the honor of being crowned the best chili on the lake! We are looking forward to some great chili and friendly competition.

We invite shareholders to join our club and be part of the fun. Together, we plan exciting events and come up with new ideas that bring our lake community closer.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Chili Fest —don't miss it!

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Meetings are 3rd Thursday of each month following Board Mtg

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First Friends Roxanne Lane-Brink/ Gail Fowler
Lunch 3rd Thursday of each month

Photography Club Holly Treadway
Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month

Bridge Club Norvella Skarda
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 <div>OCTOBER 2025</div> 						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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