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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY Thursday, October 16, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Cherokee Water Company was held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at NK 20 Lake Cherokee, Longview Texas 75603 with the following Directors present:

Gary Mapes, President
David McDaniel, Vice President
Randy Graves, Treasurer
Dee Rea, Secretary
Kristina Coolidge
Justin Simmons
Cody Edmonson
Cory Eason
Mary Yoder
Alan Koelemay
George Steele
Jeff Patty

President, Gary Mapes 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, September 18, 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 his conversation with a timber contractor concerning the Beaver Run Lots/Timber Sections at the end of Beaver Run Road. These timber areas are in the NX, NY and NZ sections. The intent is to investigate the possibility of cutting mature timber and leaving hard woods. Clear cutting is unacceptable to CWC.
- 2. Kevin gave an update on the road rebuild. The construction begins at about NP 42 and extends 1 1/2 miles towards 2011. That section of road is being watered daily creating a small inconvenience for motorists. The section of road construction is scheduled to be completely finished in 5 days.



3. Construction in the NQ Cove is well underway. The silt pond has been roughed in with dimensions of 200 feet by 80 feet. A silt dam is being constructed about 80 feet wide with dirt roads constructed along both sides of the silt pond. The removal of Fantasy Island is almost completed, and the silt removal will extend through the cove to close to its opening.

Cathy Hite, Office Manager, gave an Office Update:

- 1. Lease Renewals done electronically are well underway. 60% of lease renewals have been processed in the past 3 weeks. 89% of the submissions have had their payment processed. 661 submissions have paid or are in review, processing their decals and privilege cards is in process with Lake Patrol delivering decals in person. Doing Lease renewals electronically has saved the water company at least 40-man hours in labor costs, delivery of decals by lake patrol will also save the water company thousands of dollars in postage costs and create camaraderie with Shareholders.
- 2. Official communication regarding the Board of Directors election be sent to each shareholder via email or postage mail on October 24th. Robo calls will be sent out to remind shareholders of the election and to vote.
- 3. November 1 the election will open at 8:00 AM. An email will be sent to all shareholders reminding them to look for their ballots.
- 4. November 6, 4:00 PM is the deadline to file proxies. Any shareholder assigning their vote by proxy must complete and sign the proxy form available from the CWC office no later than 7 days prior to close of election.
- 5. November 13, 7:00 pm is the scheduled Annual Shareholders meeting.

The election voting will end at 5:00 that day. The Election Commission will certify the election and announce the results during the meeting.

Treasurers Report: A motion was made by Randy Graves to certify the bills paid for the month of September 2025. Dee Rea seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Randy Graves to approve reporting of Financials for September 2025. Dee Rea seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Natural Resources Committee Meeting

The Natural Resources Committee met on Thursday, 10/02/2025.

Members Present: Dee Rea, Alan Koelemay, Cody Edmonson, Justin Simmons, David McDaniel.

General Manager, Kevin Jones was present, and also George Steele, BOD Member.

Discussions began with the presentation of research obtained concerning wake enhanced boats. Artificially enhanced wakes created by wake boats and wake enhancing devices cause environmental damage to lakes and lake shores, safety risks for people on the water and on shore, and physical damage to property and shoreline. They create dangerous conditions for swimmers, fishermen and other watercraft. These boats obscure vision forward as ballast weighs down the stern and causes the bow to rise.

Boats with heavy ballasts for water push boats down in the rear to make waves, blasting rivers or lake bottoms in areas where water isn't deep enough. The average depth of Lake Cherokee in the open water section is less than 15 feet deep. The sediment blasted from lake bottoms fills water columns, adding nutrients to the lake and causing harmful algae bloom.

Wake surfing is different from other water sports. The wave energy of wakes can be 4 times that of wake boarding wakes. Wakes can be 4 to 5 feet in

height with half of the wake above the water line and half below the water line. The thrust from a wake boat can go down 16 feet toward the lake bottom causing major disruptions below the water. This information comes directly from a study accomplished at the University of Minnesota.

In the University of Minnesota study researchers concluded in depths of 9 feet and 14 feet, the forces created by wake surfing boats operating in surfing mode stir up sediment from lake bottoms and suspends them in water turning it cloudy. That makes it more difficult for sunlight to penetrate, affecting fish and plants. This sediment can spur the growth of algae blooms. The study concludes that while operating in surfing mode and at a slower speed that creates a large wake, boats should stay in water at least 20 feet deep.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources released a report in July 2023 reviewing the literature on wake surfing boats on potential environmental impacts of wake surfing boats. The report describes wake surfing as an emerging threat to natural resources in inland lakes, citing concerns about resuspending lake bottom sediment and the dramatic increase in risk for transporting harmful aquatic invasive species. The Maine Boating Coalition conducted an extensive literature review on wake surfing boats and their impact, recommending that this activity should occur no closer than 500 feet from shore and in water at least 20 feet deep. Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine have passed laws to limit where wake surfing boats can operate.

Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina have passed laws to require a 200-foot set back from shore and a minimum depth of 20 feet of water.

Education is essential-BUT IT IS NOT ENOUGH-to stop damage and dangers caused by enhanced wakes. This report is being sent to the Rules and Policy Committee to study and formulate rules to mitigate the adverse affect of wake surfing boats.

Rules, Policy & Variance Committee David McDaniel, Chairman reported:

The Rules and Policy Committee is considering different approaches to mitigate damage to the Lake due to wake enhancing activities on Lake Cherokee.

25_26 Election Timeline **ROBO CALL** Nov 13th 7:00 pm Annual Shareholders Oct 24th Nov 1st Nov 6th meetina Online Election Opens 8 am 2nd EMAIL - Election **Election Closes 5 pm** Proxy Assignment Deadline 4 pm "OPEN" message **Bylaws Article IV - Section 8** Ballot/Voting Credentials distributed via email or postal mail **Bylaws Article IV - Section 7** The Election Commission Any shareholder assigning their vote will certify and announce by proxy must complete and sign the Bylaws Article IV - Section 6 the results of the election proxy form available from the CWC Official Election notification with secured voting office no later than 7 days prior to the 3rd EMAIL - REMINDER credentials will be sent to each shareholder of record close of the election. of Election CLOSE TIME seven (7) days prior to Nov 1st. To qualify, the votes must be registered between Nov 1st and prior to 5:00 pm on the date of the Annual Shareholders meeting.

Infrastructure Committee Report

George Steele, Chairman requested Alan Koelemay to report the minutes.

The Infrastructure Committee met October 7, 2025. Members Present: George Steele, Alan Koelemay, Cody Edmonson and Mary Yoder. Cory Eason was absent. Kevin Jones, General Manager and Wade Johnson, Engineer were also present.

Focal point of the meeting was to verify the existence of a Ten-Year Plan for improving CWC lake roads. Said Plan has been mentioned for several years by shareholders and BOD Members, past/present as part of the Strategic Plan. There is no mention of the road plan in the Strategic Plan.

Office staff were asked to find evidence that the road plan had been approved in a BOD meeting. Thorough review of 2022 BOD minutes did find several discussions regarding a Road Plan but no record of the plan being approved by the BOD. However, BOD did approve hiring the engineering company, Johnson & Pace, to assist in generating

a plan for road improvements providing various types of construction methods to consider going forward. J&P helped with the planning and construction of the first road project in the SU Section.

The evolution of CWC lake roads from a fishing community with dirt roads, oil roads then asphalt and seal coat overlays. The prevailing view is that CWC roads have never had a true industry standard constructed road base. Beginning in 2023, such a road base has been constructed in two 3 mile stretches on the South side and a 1 1/2-mile area currently being constructed on the North side.

While this road base is a preferred method, the Committee agrees that CWC does not have the financial resources to complete an additional 40+ miles of road. J&P acknowledged that the multiple asphalt overlays and seal coat overlays done over decades have potentially compacted such that a sufficient road base may exist where asphalt or seal coat overlays can provide 7-12 years of additional road life at a significant savings compared to the existing construc-

tion. The seal coat overlay is roughly \$60k cost per mile and the 2-inch overlay is nearly double a \$110k compared to the roughly \$400K per mile CWC has recently paid. This Committee is tasked with exploring all options to improve CWC roads.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of limiting the weight of heavy equipment on the CWC roads as they are a major cause of the deterioration of the roads.

The Committee also discussed siltation issues that have arisen in the NP cove. J&P stated that while the two creeks in the NP cove are reflected on maps as jurisdictional, he believes it is questionable at best as they are currently dry. The only time there is water noticed is after large rain event.

President Gary Mapes questioned Alan Koelemay as to why protocol was not followed. All committee reports that are given at the Thursday board meetings are to be discussed in the Monday pre-board meetings. Therefore Alan's committee report reflected only the view

of the committee members present at their October 7 committee meeting (4 board members present), and not that of the entire board of directors. Basically excluding the opinions or views of the remaining 8 CWC board members.

Community Relations Committee Report

Kristina Coolidge, Chairman reported:

The committee is supporting the CWC office staff with any communication requests such as facilitating Get Out and Vote Campaign.

With no other business, Gary Mapes, President, adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm.

ATTEST

Dee Rea, Secretary



LEASE RENEWALS

Many of you have renewed your lease for 25-26. Lease renewals were Due on October 1st and Late November 1st. Renewals are online this year via the Portal. If you are looking for a paper document in the mail, we are no longer sending out paper renewals. Starting December 1st, late fees of \$100 will be issued each month until paid. If you have not renewed your lease, contact the office ASAP.



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

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MESSAGE from the MANAGER

Happy November Lake Community,

Election time is here again! We had seven shareholders step forward as candidates for the 2025-2026 Board of Directors. We are truly fortunate to have the opportunity to vote for our future leaders; individuals who are willing to serve, make difficult decisions, and represent the best interests of our community.

Serving on the board is a voluntary position that comes with its fair share of scrutiny and second-guessing and that's all part of the process. But it also brings a deep sense of fulfillment, knowing you've stepped up to answer a call that many choose not to. The pay may be terrible, but the impact is invaluable. I want to sincerely thank all our candidates for their willingness to volunteer their time, energy, and talents over the next year. I believe each of them has stepped forward with the best interest of the lake and our community at heart and I have to trust their motivation is rooted in stewardship, not self interest.



Kevin Jones General Manager, Lake Cherokee

My hope is that in every decision made, a spirit of community partnership, respect, and collaboration shines through. This lake community is something special; a place built not just on property lines or bylaws, but on shared values and the relationships we build with one another. The only way we can continue to be a beacon of light and an example for other communities is by working together, especially when times get tough.

At the heart of our election process is the idea of representative government and the principle that authority comes from the consent of the governed. Every vote cast is a voice in shaping the future of our community. Your participation gives legitimacy to those elected and ensures that the direction we take truly reflects the will of the people who live here.

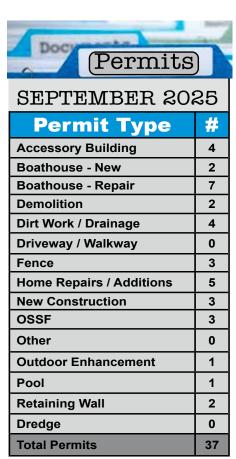
So, I encourage every shareholder to take part in this year's election. A strong voter turnout shows pride in where we live, unity in our purpose, and faith in our ability to govern ourselves. Whether your candidate wins or loses, your vote contributes to the collective decisionmaking that keeps our community thriving. Let's continue to show what can happen when neighbors work together with integrity, involvement, and heart.

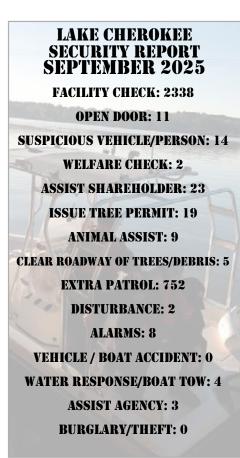
As we move toward the Thanksgiving season, it's a good time to pause and remember all that we have to be thankful for, from our families, our neighbors, and the beautiful community we get to call home. The next few months are full

of moments that remind us of what truly matters: gathering with loved ones, shar ing meals, reflecting on blessings, and finding joy in the simple things. Thanksgiving isn't just a date on the calendar; it's an attitude we can carry with us every day.

Let's choose to give thanks instead of giving in to grumbling. Let's lend a helping hand rather than point a finger. When we focus on gratitude instead of criticism, and generosity instead of selfinterest, we strengthen the very foundation of our community. Whether it's volunteering your time, offering encouragement to a neighbor, or simply sharing kindness wherever you can, these are the small acts that create big change. As we prepare for the holiday season ahead, may we all find reasons to give, to serve, and to be thankful together.

Respectfully, Kevin Jones, GM Ephesians 2: 4-5









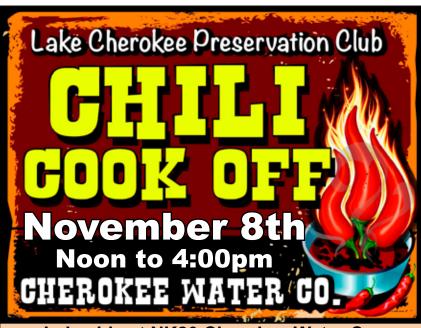
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Variance Deadlines

Only one more Variance meeting during 2025. The next Variance deadline is October 28th.

The Variance Committee will meet on November 4th. This is their last meeting until January 2025. Please keep this in mind for planning purposes.



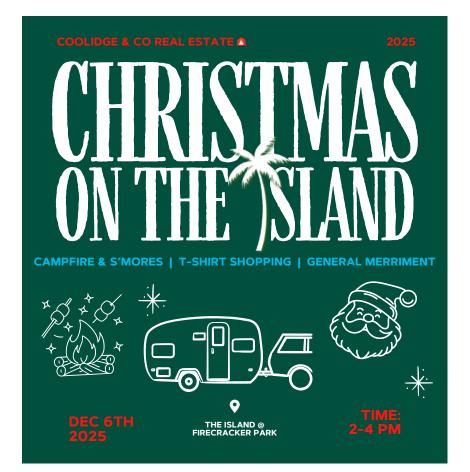
Lakeside at NK20 Cherokee Water Co. \$5 Admission includes chili tastings A portion of the proceeds will go toward 2026 Fireworks Music will be playing so bring your chairs and blankets.

Soft Drinks & Water will be available.

If you think your chili is the best on the lake, then enter!

For Shareholders and Guests
For questions or to submit entry contact:

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Boat Winterizing Checklist

If winterizing your boat sounds like a difficult task, learn how to winterize your boat and use this simple checklist to winterize your boat in less than a day.

- Change the oil and oil filters
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- Fill the boat's fuel tanks completely full
- Add biocide and/or stabilizing agents to fuel
- Change the fuel filters
- Add antifreeze to the engine's cooling system
- Add distilled water to batteries, charge completely and disconnect
- Charge batteries to capacity

Cherokee Water Company 2025-2026 Board of Director Candidates



Rhonda Bullard

A full-time resident at ST 104, I have an interest in the long-term success and growth of our lake. I have enjoyed Lake Cherokee for over 45 years, but I believe in giving back. My previous 4-year service to the Board taught me a great deal about how the CWC Corporation functions. Cherokee Water Company is extremely fortunate to have very qualified staff; my goal is to support them as a functioning Board member but not get involved in the daily tasks; that belongs to them. Lake Cherokee has much to be proud of and so much to offer to our community. In my professional career I have managed multimillion-dollar budgets, written and implemented strategic plans, collaborated with teams to accomplish goals and objectives, and managed

teams through crisis. As Board President, I led the Great Texas Balloon Race through COVID to maintain and grow the 40-year-old event. Managing a multimillion-dollar capital campaign, I worked to bring the Longview World of Wonders to fruition that thousands of families enjoy in downtown Longview. Working on City task forces and boards, I have been a part of molding the growth in Longview's cultural arts, parks & recreation and in south Longview/I20 corridor development. An effective Board member should build consensus, provide financial oversight, support strategic planning, listen effectively, and be engaged in Lake Cherokee. My family participates in most any activity on the lake. I invest my time trying to help Shareholders who need assistance I want the opportunity to cultivate the seeds planted by previous CWC Boards and continue forward progress. I want to serve CWC as a Board Director. I would appreciate your vote.



Colby Mize My name is Colby Mize, and for the past 12 years

My name is Colby Mize, and for the past 12 years Lake Cherokee has been home to my wife Amber, our children, and me. Like so many of you, this lake is where we've built friendships, raised our family, and invested in our future. I want to see it preserved and protected for generations to come. I've built and managed successful companies from the ground up without any handouts or lawsuits, and I've served on a pension board overseeing

about ten million dollars. In that role, I learned what true fiduciary duty means: making careful, transparent decisions for the people you represent. Serving on the Cherokee Water Company Board must never be about personal advantage. Whether through money, property, influence, or self-dealing agendas, conflicts of interest have no place here. Shareholders should never have to question whether policy changes or dues increases serve the community or someone's private interests.

Here's what I'll fight for:

- 1. End self-dealing and eliminate conflicts of interest.
- Improve transparency and open communication with shareholders.
- 3. Preserve the Cherokee Water Company and protect the rights of every shareholder for future generations.

This board must serve with honesty, integrity, and accountability. Vote for Colby Mize.



Logan Lobue

My name is Charles "Logan" Lobue, and I am running for the Cherokee Water Company Board of Directors. Lake Cherokee has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. My great-grandfather, C.E. Chaffin, was one of the original "founders" and was elected to the first Board in 1948. My father, Steve Lobue, also served, and I am proud to continue this legacy of leadership. I became a shareholder in 2014, and in 2017 my wife, Lisa, and I made Lake Cherokee our full-time home. I previously had the honor of serving a three-year term on the CWC Board from 2020 to 2022. I look forward to serving again in a professional, ethi-

cal, transparent, and collaborative manner, always promoting the best interests of the CWC and its shareholders. Along with my lifelong connection to Lake Cherokee, I hold a bachelor's degree in human resource management from the University of North Texas and bring over 30 years of business leadership experience in supply chain management, operations, and fleet management. I have recently retired, allowing me to dedicate more time to our community.

I would greatly appreciate your vote and support in the upcoming election.



George Steele

Born: January 30, 1950, in Ft Worth, TX Attended Tremble Tech High in Ft Worth, Kilgore Collage in Kilgore (Mechanical Drawing). Several additional college courses relating to my business skills throughout my career.

Married Linda Steele 1967. 3 Children, 14 grandchildren. Nearing retirement, my wife and I moved to the lake in 2012 where we consider ourselves privileged. I'm very involved in the fishing club and I'm on the water almost everyday fishing or simply enjoying the lake. We attend and support the Church at Lake Cherokee.

I'm running as a board member simply to do my part in keeping this community a great place for all to live and to do my part to keep Cherokee the part of heaven it is for the future of the next generation. Thank you for your consideration.



Tim Ender

Tim Ender, a 59-year-old God-fearing Christian, embodies dedication in faith, family, and community. Married to Karen for 37 years, we share three children: Alyvia, a nurse in Virginia, married with two boys and expecting another; Mattilyn, a radiation therapist in West Texas; and Ethan, who lives with them on Lake Cherokee. A Navy veteran who served in the Gulf War, Tim, carries a deep sense of duty. After 30 years as a devoted special education teacher and coach, he retired but continues to serve as a proud member of the Lake Cherokee Patrol Unit, protecting the community he cherishes. Tim's life reflects his commitment to faith,

guiding his actions and relationships. His love for his family shines through in his pride for his children's accomplishments and his joy in being a grandfather. Living on the lake, Tim finds peace and purpose in serving others, whether through his past educational career or current community role. His legacy is one of integrity, service, and unwavering devotion to those around him, making a lasting impact on his family and Lake Cherokee.



Beth Swindell

Beth Swindell moved to Lake Cherokee in 2012 with her husband, Andrew. The Swindells has two elementary-aged children who have lived their entire life on the lake! She graduated from LeTourneau University in 2003 and spent two decades in non-profit and public relations. Beth was tasked with guiding organizations through implementation of consistent branding, internal and external messaging and corporate development strategies. She currently runs

her home as if it were a business (with much protesting from her children) and serves as the Vice President of the Board at Asbury House. She is optimistic about the future of Lake Cherokee and the momentum built by the current leadership.



Tim Burris

My name is Tim Burris. I retired from Denton County Sheriff Office, Oct 31st, 2018. I moved to Lake Cherokee in July 2019. I have been married 40 years and have 3 girls. My wife (Darlene) and I raised 5 grandkids. I have always tried to do the right thing with honesty and integrity even when it was hard on me and my family. I love the Lord, my family and Lake Cherokee!







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Competition and Balance Part 2 - Sportfish Diversity

Introduction

As we discussed in the previous article, competition between forage species and undesirable fish species, such as common carp, can limit the amount of food produced for sportfish per acre. In this month's article we will discuss how limiting forage production impacts the top of the food chain and how competition for resources at the top can have further negative cascades back down the food chain and on sportfish growth rates.

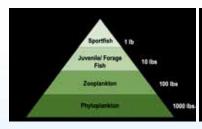
Competition in the Food Chain

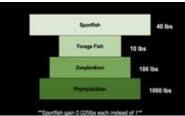
Competition at the forage fish level of the food chain is never an optimal thing because we know, based on energy transfer averages, that it takes approximately 10lbs of forage fish to convert into one pound of sportfish and that the less forage fish we are able to produce per acre, the less sportfish we can grow. However, competition at the top of the food chain can have even more of a detrimental impact on forage and the overall health of sportfish. When you take into account that every one pound of sportfish produced, required approximately 10lbs of forage fish to be consumed, having too much sportfish competition can quickly create a massive demand on the lower levels of the food chain. Every pound of predatory fish in the lake, whether viewed as desirable or undesirable, still consumes a large quantity of forage fish to grow. Which means, species such as gar, bowfin, and spotted bass, compete directly with largemouth bass and crappie for a limited amount of food resources. Even having too many of the "desirable species" like bass and crappie can create added competition and the top down pressure can be overbearing on the food chain.

Management and Creating Balance

discussed sportfish management many times in these articles and even through presentations to the fishing club for the last 2 years. However, there is a reason why we continue to discuss this topic. It is because it plays such an important role in properly balancing an ecosystem. Ponds and lakes have a limited supply of resources that fuel the food chain, which starts with phytoplankton. Lake Cherokee has a natural water chemistry due to its region in the United States that produces lower quantities of phytoplankton per acre. Which means that compared to other lakes in Texas, Cherokee will produce less fish per acre naturally. This is important because competition management becomes even more relevant. If Cherokee can grow less forage fish per acre naturally, then we have to be mindful of both forage fish competition with species like carp, and even more mindful of sportfish competition and downward pressure on the food chain. Remember, it takes exponentially more pounds

of forage to produce a pound of sportfish (10x more). This means in order to keep the fish populations healthy and growing properly a lot of management must take place. We know the food chain is smaller which means the amount of forage growth will be smaller, especially when forage is forced to compete with less desirable creek species, and therefore the top of the food chain must also be smaller. This means Lake Cherokee requires extensive management on the top of the food chain. Forage fish populations get regulated naturally by predators on the top consuming fish, keeping them from overpopulating, however, the predatory fish do not have enough natural predation pressure from birds or otters to keep their populations in check. Meaning that the top of the food chain can quickly grow too large for its base. A well balanced lake will have a large base of the food chain and a smaller top of the food chain (like a pyramid) that ensures everything is in balance. But, if harvest is not taking place at the top of the food chain it can guickly grow too big for its base, which leads to stunting and poor fish health. Harvest is even more important in systems like Lake Cherokee where competition occurs between species at the top level. Not only does that small portion on top of the pyramid contain bass and crappie, it also contains gar and bowfin. Added diversity, means increased competition, and more intensive harvest to keep things balanced. The pyramids below depict the concepts discussed in this article.





Conclusion

In short, managing competition in a lake or pond fishery is driven by harvest because the fish have no way to leave the system. Without proper harvest the food chain can become imbalanced which hurts the growth and health of all fish in the lake. Lake Cherokee is a big system and as a result requires a large amount of harvest annually: far more than it is currently receiving.

For more information on competition and harvest contact: garrett@pristinepondsolutions.com



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First Friends Fall Gathering was on October 16, 2025 in the scenic back yard of Judi Morgan - our hostess for this month. The theme was a "Hobo Stew and Witches Brew"! The ladies brought a can of veggies to add to the "stew pot" and side dishes galore! We feasted and heard from our cookbook coordinator - Teresa Davis on how the cookbook project is moving along. It was a fantastic day of food and visiting with our lake neighbor ladies!

Interested in the First Friends group? Join our Facebook page
First Friends (Lake Cherokee) or email Gail Fowler at bogafowler@gmail.com.

In attendance was Gail Fowler, Judi Morgan, Teresa Davis, Karen Franklin, Lisa Goettle, Roxanne Brink, Lori Klump, Joan Strong, Tracy Lasser, Nan Henderson, Delores Toon, Patricia Slusher, Carolyn Matter and Penny Dant. Door Prize winners were Roxanne Brink and Lori Klump.









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Lake Cherokee Photography Club

The October 14th meeting of the Lake Cherokee Photography Club was a business meeting. We discussed the Veteran's Day program conflict with our usual meeting date. The group decided we would meet for the Veteran's Day program and photograph the event in lieu of a meeting. Hope to see you all there. Watch the shareholder Facebook page for details. Katheryn Johnson told me that the event will be from approximately 4-6PM at Freedom Park.

November 11, 2025 Veterans Day program approximately 4-6PM at the military service flags at Freedom Park. There will be signs at lake entrances too. Check Shareholder and Freedom Park FB pages for information. The Photography Club will get a mention as well.



December 9, 2025 Holliday party will be held at Deana and Jarett Harkness's SD2. The party will start at 5PM. Bring a true white elephant or white elephant photography gift if you wish to participate



in the gift exchange. It is always a good time. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre which will serve as our meal. BYOB/wine to share, the hosts will have a keg.

January 13, 2026 will feature Marc Bailey. His topics are always interesting and may include putting concepts into action. Have your cell phones handy.

February 11, 2026 will feature "Patty Stew Photography Journey." She has a long history of professional photography and has photographed high profile, celebrity clients. She is an excellent nature photographer as well.

March 11, 2026 Part 2 of "Patty Stew Photography Journey" She has so much to share.

April 8, 2026 Daytime field trip to the Arboretum. Time to be discussed at a later date. Hopefully we can all go at the same time.



May 12, 2026 Boat Safari ????? It shouldn't be as hot as August!

June 9, 2026 ????? any Ideas?







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NEWS FROM THE 19TH HOLE

by Alyce Clark

PRO SHOP hours for **November** are **7:30 am** to **5:00 pm** Tuesday through Sunday. Closed when the temperature falls below 45 degrees and on Mondays for course maintenance.

The course will close at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, November 26th and closed Thanksgiving Day.

The **WOMEN'S** group play every Tuesday morning usually at **9:00 am** depending on the weather. Hours may vary so please call the Pro Shop for the 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 ladies held the WCGA LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP October 6th & 7th. Congratulations to our winner TAMMIE SPICER and Net winner was MARJE THEIMAN.

We had a day filled with fun and lots of laughs at our October, wacky Tournament. Thank you to all the teams who participated. First Place – Phil Porter, Mike Erwin, Phillip Works, & Glenn Hanka

The NOVEMBER TOURNAMENT will be the TURKEY SHAMBLE Tournament held on NOVEMBER 15, at 9:00 am. This will be a FOUR PERSON SHAMBLE. FOUR-person team, 6 holes of scramble, 6 holes of best ball, 6 holes of "take the best tee shot and then play your own ball." The cost is \$30 per player. Lunch will be available after the tournament.

The next **Board Meeting** will be on Thursday, November 13^{th} @ 6:00

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Wacky -winners - Phil Works, Glenn Hanka, Mike Erwin, & Phil Porter



Ladies winner -Tammie Spicer & Marje Theiman

pm. It is an open meeting, and all are welcome to attend and ask questions.

Welcome to our new member: Bill Adler

FIRST TEE will conclude their fall season on October 18th.

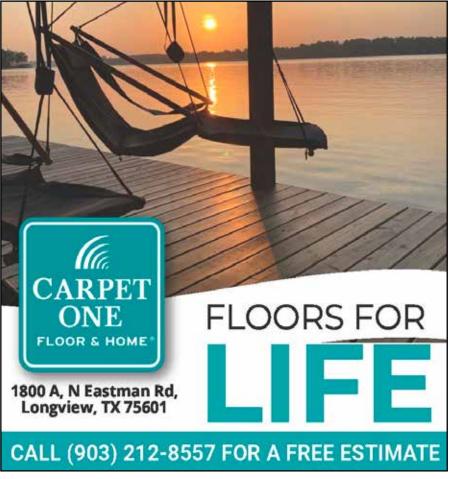
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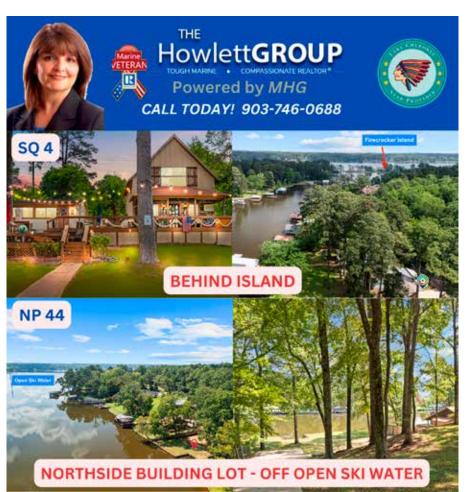
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NOVEMBER 2025



By Jeanne Collins

Happy Thanksgiving! We are all so blessed to live on Lake Cherokee and be a member of such a caring community. Everyone at the Bridge Club is thankful for our 'card friends' who we visit with each week, and who are so patient with us as we muddle through the play of our cards.

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



October 2025

It was a lively, full house on Monday night with 52 attendees and guests. Pete and Carol's delicious baby back ribs were a big draw, to be sure. The meal was further enhanced by a large array of desserts and sides. Thanks to Larry Willis, Larry Lacewell, Jeff Traylor, Randy Hudgins, Lisa Lobue, Bonnie Hegeman, Darlene Lanius, Anna O'Brien and Lori Klump for their contributions.

We welcomed 3 new members: Randy Hudgins, Justin Simmons and Rod Jacobs. Our guests were Kristina Coolidge and Alice Berryhill from



Kid's Fishing Contest Grand Prize Winner
- Dawson



Joe Nolley and Marty Massoletti Hi-Ya Bait Co.

Coolidge & Company Real Estate, Lisa Lobue, and Joe Nolley and Marty Massoletti from Hi-Ya Baits.

Club business included an update from our Hatchery Director, Gary Lindsey. All ponds have been prepped for winter. It looks like blue gill were successfully spawned in the ponds and we will try that again next year to supplement the forage fish population. Florida bass fingerlings will likely be release straight into the lake in the future, as the ponds didn't appear

to provide habitat conducive to spawning. Gary gave kudos to lake maintenance who jumped right on the need to fix a pump line from the ponds to the lake.

George Steele, Habitat Director, shared his latest progress with creating artificial fish attractors



Grand Prize Drawing from 68 Entries



Crappie Tournament Winners - Luke Soules and Spencer Patterson



Crappie Tournament 2nd Place Richard Berefield and Bobby Gaines

to replace the brush piles. He was able to acquire numerous scraps of plastic pipe from the fiber work going on along 149. That, along with some additional PVC, buckets and cement make a nice structure. He proposed a budget of around \$60 per habitat. The club voted to approve an initial investment of \$700 to keep up the work. After that, we will determine how and if to proceed with further investments.

There was additional discussion

on how to share preprogrammed GPS coordinates for all of the current brush piles around the lake, for use in the various fishfinder brands. Stay tuned for more information on how that might be provided to club members.

Tournament director
David Wilson shared results
from the crappie tournament.
We had a total of 8 teams and
17 participants. Luke Soules
and Spencer Patterson took
first place with a total catch of
6.96 lbs.

Also, our Big Bass Bounty is still underway. Ryan Hill is the current leader with a 7.9 lbs. lunker. Contest runs through the Fall bass tournament (October 18). If you snag a catch that can beat Ryan, be sure to send a photo to fishingcherokee@gmail.com.

Lance Kennel started the program with some good reminders about boat maintenance as the season winds down. Lance has been working with boats since 1993 and servicing boats here on Lake Cherokee for almost that long. Some of his key points included the importance of always using non-ethanol fuel and ensuring your batteries are up to the job, especially with today's heavy reliance on technology and sound systems. Don't try to jump a battery if dead, as it can create power surge to your systems when restarting. He recommends the sealedacid or lithium battery types, NOT flooded batteries, which can easily "boil over" when charged. Lithium is expensive and requires a different charging mechanism, but it is much lighter and allow you to have

more capacity. He also does not recommend keeping a battery on a charger all the time, only for about 24 hours. In particular, charge your trolling motor batteries immediately after use – don't wait until right before you go out. Fuel filters, engine and gear oil should be changed annually.

Kid's Fishing Contest has ended, but not without recognizing our September bass winner, Dawson, for his 3.6 lbs. catch. We didn't have entries for the other categories.

The end of the contest also means a \$500 Grand Prize Drawing! All 68 entries were eligible. Each entry was assigned a number in the order in which received, then numbers 1-68 were placed in a bowl. The winning number drawn belonged to none other than Dawson! Thank you to everyone who encouraged their kids to fish and enter. Congratulations to everyone who won throughout the season and a really big thank you to Coolidge & Company for providing the prizes and publicity. It was great fun.

Joe Nolley and Marty Massoletti with Hi-Yah Bait Company shared their latest developments in lures. It is fun and interesting to learn how much research and effort goes into improving and developing new lures to out-smart these fish. You can buy their baits online and at East Texas Sonar. Both Joe and Marty are also very active in supporting youth fishing teams in East Texas. A future program may include some of these teams to talk about the growing sport within our local schools.

We wrapped up with the raffle. Thanks to donations from Hi-Ya Bait, we had several winners:

Hi-Ya Lures: Randy Hudgins, Greg LaCour, Jim Barton, Lance Kennel, David Wilson and Kevin Thompson. Tackle goodie bags: Dee Kennel and David Wilson. CFC Fishing Club hat and microfiber cloths – David Trammel. Fishing pliers – Dee Kennel. Wide brim fishing hat – Bonnie Hegeman.

If you've made it this far, you realize how much this club means to the lake and our members. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, come back! If you are new to the lake or want to learn more about the art and science of fishing, join us. The next meeting is Monday, November 10 and the CWC Office. Dinner is served at 6:30. Our next speaker is Cooper Mayes, from the TAMU Bass Fishing Team. See ya'll there!



Join the Lake Cherokee Preservation Club!

The Lake Cherokee Preservation Club is seeking shareholders who share our passion for community, creativity, and connection!

Our Mission Statement says it best: The mission of the Lake Cherokee Preservation Club is to spark a love of the arts, history, and culture in order to celebrate and enhance our creative community. Throughout the year, our club hosts events that bring our lake family together — from the huge Easter Egg Hunt and Wet N Wild Boat Rally to the Family Fun Fest and our annual Chili Fest Competition.

But our work doesn't stop there! The Preservation Club also supports projects that improve and beautify our community, such as:

- Installing **lights on boat lanes**
- Adding a camdock between the islands
- Adding murals to the island bathrooms
- Assisting in the reconstruction of the large dock at the Lake Office
- Installing the water station on the island

...and so much more!

It's a joy for us to help meet the needs of our neighbors while bringing entertainment and enrichment to our lake community. If you're **new to Lake Cherokee**, this is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and get involved. If you've been here for a while and would love to lend a hand or bring new ideas, **we'd love to have you**, **too!**

Mark Your Calendar!

Our final event of the year, Chili Fest, will be held Saturday, November 8th from 12:00 to 4:00 PM at the CWC. It's not too late to join in on the fun!

The Preservation Club will resume meetings in **February** after the New Year to begin planning another exciting season of events for our lake family.

We hope to see you there — and around the lake!

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On Sunday, November 16th @ 1:00pm, Friends of Freedom Park (FFP) will hold a meeting to elect officers and establish an official organization, decide upon its mission statement, and create a budget. The group has been meeting for the past 2 years, but once the Monument is completed, any remaining donor dollars held by Lake Cherokee Community Foundation will be turned over to FFP. Miguel Fabbiani and Barrett Newsom are the FFP leaders and will need your help forging the future of Freedom Park. Please join us if you'd like to be involved with improving the Park, designing new monuments or features, and planning ceremonies that honor our military and Veterans. Go to our website to RSVP for the meeting www.LakeCherokeeFreedomPark.org

Veterans Day Picnic and Ceremony

A Veterans Day Picnic and Ceremony will be held at Lake Cherokee Freedom Park on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2025 (Picnic starts at 4pm, Ceremony starts sharply at 5pm). Go to www.LakeCherokeeFreedomPark.org to find out more information.





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- 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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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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