

ALTON MOTORBOAT CLUB

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2020

268 MEMBERS: 140 REGULAR 123 SOCIAL 5 HONORARY QoH: \$4,100+

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Board Chairman Jim Neumann
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 Dock Assignment Suzie Fill
 Dock Repair Red Dunham
 Entertainment Mark Woulfe
 Grounds John Dooley
 House Dan Fitzgerald
 Membership Cliff Rushton
 Special Events Jim Dunham

QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWINGS:

ROUND-WEEK	DRAWING DATE	NAME DRAWN	CARD REVEALED	POTENTIAL WINNER'S POT
4-26	3/12/20	JOHN STAHLHEBER	10 HEARTS	\$4,294.00

When Queen of Hearts resumes, the jackpot will be over \$4,300.00.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN: (Jim Neumann 314-580-0538)

We have selected Stutz to help with closing the mouth of the harbor and to clean it out. This task is considered maintenance. We have approval from the corps as well.

The club house permitting is in the works. Thanks to Rich Wille for handling the paperwork for this and the low interest loan. There are many, many people to thank for everything they have done to keep the plan rolling to erect a new clubhouse. We have had many hurdles, and more are on the horizon. We are currently working with the Corp to use their property we lease to hold the front deck to get the 10' requirement for the power lines at the rear of the club house.

Some have voiced their concern with the board's decisions. I can certainly tell you that we are talking to everyone we can within the club and outside the club for ideas and ways to help us make the best possible clubhouse for the least possible outlay. We are very close to breaking ground on the New Clubhouse, this will be an exciting time for the club. Brad Jun has been in touch with us awaiting the permit approval to begin. Hope all have been safe during the COV19 situation and we are all looking forward to getting together soon.

PAST EVENTS:

AMBC has suspended all member activities until further notice. Your AMBC Board has given careful and thoughtful consideration to the decision made by our Governor, and we understand this decision was made in the best interest of public health. We will make the decision when to resume activities and events in the near future, and all Members will be notified via our text/email service. We encourage members to follow the Governor's "Shelter in Place" order which is slated to end April 30th. For any further information on the COVID-19 virus, please visit <https://www.coronavirus.gov/> or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

We will be rescheduling the Jon Boat Jamboree just as soon as possible. We will keep all members informed when a date has been decided.

The regularly scheduled April 6th Board Meeting has been rescheduled after the "Shelter in Place" order has been lifted.

REPORT BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON:

DOCK REPAIR - (Red Dunham – (618.600.5226)

The boating season is around the corner and now is the time to ready the dock facilities for the upcoming season. Please let Chairperson Red Dunham know if there are any issues requiring attention on your dock area so repairs can be scheduled.

ENTERTAINMENT - (Mark Woulfe – (618.910.2614)

All AMBC events and activities have been postponed until further notice. We anticipate resuming normal activities very soon and appreciate your patience during this unprecedented circumstance we find ourselves. We look forward to seeing all of you soon.

HOUSE (Dan Fitzgerald - (618.806.3708)

The Clubhouse is gone. Stutz Excavating tore down and cleaned site in one day. Chairperson Fitzgerald is asking that if anyone is interested in the A/C units that were removed to contact him.

MEMBERSHIP (Cliff Rushton – (618.781.1156)

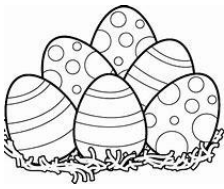
As of March 24, (222) members have been retained evidenced by their annual dues being paid. We have (9) known members that have officially dropped from the role, 10 members have committed to pay, but haven't yet, and we are waiting on the response from 11 Regular and 25 Social Members. The Board Members are very encouraged by the response given our displacement.

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SPECIAL EVENTS (Jim Dunham – (618.466.7126)

Again, we want to thank you for your continued patience during this time and look forward to getting back to our normal routine. The Board of Directors have decided to postpone the annual Installation Dinner until proper planning can be conducted. Details will emerge as plans are made.

BAR (Rich Kortkamp – (618.910.1175)

Obviously the Lockhaven Golf Club Bar is temporarily closed, but we will coordinate with owner Heinz Peter and General Manager Scott Schaefer on the re-opening of their facility to us while we're displaced. Remember, your coupon books will be valid for food and drink at until further notice.

DOCK ASSIGNMENT (Suzie Fill – 618.781.4558)

There are 7 open slips available to rent. There are ample boat trailer parking spaces available as well. Please see Chairperson Suzie Fill if you would like to rent a slip or trailer parking.

GROUNDS (John Dooley – 618.830.8755)

Even though the clubhouse has been removed, there will still be plenty of clean-up needed around the property. We will soon be asking for volunteer work parties to assist us with cleaning and preparing the parking lot and grassy areas for the upcoming boating season.

CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY:

We regret to announce the children's Easter egg hunt and party has been cancelled for 2020.

STATUS OF THE NEW CLUB HOUSE:

Our "Shelter in Place" directive has not stopped our Treasurer, Rich Wille from continuing the efforts to get the permits required to start the re-building of our clubhouse. The building application has been sent to Jersey County to review, provide input, recommendations and approval before we send them to the various required government agencies. We have spoken to Representative Monica Bristow and have asked her to follow up with the two Illinois agencies, IDNR and EPA, once these applications are received and she has graciously agreed to do so.

All the applications should have been sent out as of the printing of this newsletter and do not anticipate any delays in this application and approval process. Again, thank you Rich for your continuing efforts.

FROM THE COMMODORE:

Our Boat Club Family is once again temporarily without a meeting place. Rest assured, planning, permitting, and construction are not halted, and your Board is working **HARD** to get our new building up as soon as possible.

I could tell you all about Coronavirus, the health impact it has had, and the fact that it's keeping our Boat Club Family apart. I think you guys know the score. **BE SAFE. I'm going to instead, focus on only POSITIVE POINTS.**

We're getting a Brand-New Elevated Clubhouse! Our former home was built in the 1950's and had suffered more than one flooding. 2019's submerging was over the Bar top and doomed our building due to cumulative damage. Our more tenured Members will remember how much water 1993 brought. Did you know that we have about 45 current members who were members in '93? You know who you are, **THANK YOU** for your loyalty.

As soon as possible, **We're reconstructing the mouth of our harbor.** While on our property for demolition and while the Mississippi River was low, Stutz Excavating removed much dirt/silt from the mouth of our harbor. This was just a start. When then time is right, Stutz Excavating will return to reshape the berm, add large rip rap, and shrink the mouth.

Most importantly, despite unfortunate circumstances, **our membership is holding strong.** Every year during the month of April we lose members due to non-retention. Last year, at this time, we lost 43 members. This year's attrition will be much lower. Moreover, the presentation of a fresh and attractive elevated building will be a magnet for new recruits.

Thank you for your patience and devotion. The Boat Club Officers and Board members ask you to **STAY POSITIVE** and spread positivity. We'll be back together soon and stronger than ever.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED QUEEN OF HEARTS POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	3 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED	4 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED
5 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED PALM SUNDAY	6	7	8	9 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED QUEEN OF HEARTS POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	10 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY	11 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED
12 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED HAPPY EASTER	13	14	15	16 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED QUEEN OF HEARTS POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	17 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED	18 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED
19 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED	20	21	22	23 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED QUEEN OF HEARTS POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE	24 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED	25 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED LED SLED BAND HAS BEEN POSTPONED
26 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED	27	28	29	30 LOCKHAVEN BAR CLOSED QUEEN OF HEARTS POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE		

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