



# ALTON MOTORBOAT CLUB

## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017

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### OFFICERS:

Commodore	Matt Woulfe
Vice-Commodore	Rhone Gillis
Secretary	Suzie Fill
Treasurer	Rich Wille

### DIRECTORS:

Board Chairman	Jim Neumann
Bar	Paul Claussen
Dock Assignment	Dan Fitzgerald
Dock Repair	Matt Knight
Entertainment	Cliff Rushton
Grounds	Steve Pohlman
House	Brad Maher
Membership	Eric Hagedorn
Special Events	John Dooley

### THE BOAT CLUB MOURNS THE LOSS OF:

PAUL CLAUSSEN'S MOTHER  
MIKE MORRISEY'S FATHER  
FORMER MEMBER PATRICK TANNEY

### WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS:

KAREN DUICH – REG	JAMES ZELLER – REG
BRIAN KICHLINE – REG	TRACY BARKER – SOC
MIKE LARSON – REG	

### CHAIRMAN (JIM NEUMANN 314-580-0538)

Election time will be upon us soon. As always, all 4 officer positions are only 1-year terms and will be up for grabs. 4 of the 9 board members have another year of commitment left to serve. Continuing to serve are *Jim Neumann, Dan Fitzgerald, Cliff Rushton, & Eric Hagedorn*. The fulfilled 5 board members; *Paul Claussen, John Dooley, Matt Knight, Brad Maher, & Steve Pohlman* are reaching the end of their duty. They will either step down or campaign to retain their spot on the Board of Directors. If you wish to run for a position, get in touch with an election committee member. Only they can add your name to the nominee list. Those 5 members are: *Steve Stutz, Nick Holmes, Jim Neumann, Todd Quigley, and Matt Woulfe*. Our 2017 membership drive goal will fall 35 short of the challenge. On the brighter side we have 40 new regular and social members. Thank You Club Members for all of your support.

### PAST EVENTS

#### 4 November – Wii Bowling

It was a small triple elimination for our first tourney of the year. Don't miss the December edition.

#### 12 November - Turkey Shoot

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chili, and, of course, delicious Turkey Dinners were enjoyed at our largest annual event. The temperature was approaching 50 degrees as the firing line was live all day. There were dozens of winners of turkeys, hams, bacon, cheese.... We even held an impromptu auction afterwards to sell the remaining raffle items. The Big winners were Karen Baker-Brncic (Shotgun), PJ Holliday (Bow), Chris Ontis (\$100). Thanks to all who helped make this a success.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 8 December – Ugly Sweater Party

It's time to dig thru the attic or basement for that repulsive holiday outfit ... perhaps wash before wearing. Throw it on and share laughter in fashionable merry attire. The Club will provide the Juke Box Money!! This is another one of our many awesome annual events.

#### 10 December – Kid's Christmas Party

Bring yourself, your children, and your grandchildren to see Santa. If you're young enough, you'll probably get a gift. The sign up sheet is posted at the Club.

#### 16 December – Wii Bowling

Leave your real bowling gear at home and head to the Club for some virtual frames. We need some good competition, so get your practice in. There is a Wii system at the Club always ready for action.

#### 21 December – Adult Christmas Party

After a brief membership meeting, the adults will play naughty or nice at the 'rob your neighbor' gift exchange. Gift limit is about \$15. Start thinking about gift ideas. The Club will provide a meat and cheese tray. We ask each of you to bring a favorite side dish to share. Santa will make an appearance for pictures.

#### 31 December - New Year's Eve Party

Can you believe a new year is nearly here? You know the deal, Wings and Shrimp will be provided by the Club. This is a Potluck so bring your best dish! The band *Tanglefoot* is booked from 9-1. Make your plans now to dance in 2018 at the Club!! Sign up is available now, see your bartender.

#### 16 January – Membership Meeting & Election Night

This is your opportunity to make a difference at the Club. Consider running for the board or as an officer. Attention Regular Members: most elections are close, and your vote really does count. Make sure you cast it.

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### **20 January – Installation Dance**

Our annual installation of Officers and Board Members. Details coming in January; Save the Date.

### **4 February – Super Bowl LII**

Make your plans to catch the Big Game and all the great commercials at the Club. This is usually a potluck. Drink specials and additional plans to come.

### **24 March – Jon Boat Jamboree**

The Countdown is on to Kickoff Boating Season. If you've never been to Duck Blind Island, pencil it in. A great event.

### **BAR (PAUL CLAUSSEN 618-410-6170)**

Thanks to Rich Kortkamp for serving as our guest bartender on Thanksgiving.

### **MEMBERSHIP (ERIC HAGEDORN 618-410-4877)**

January thru December 2017 newsletters show a total of 40 new members. As good as that is, our rolls are still down 15 members from this time one year ago. Along with sustained recruitment, we need to focus on promoting retention. Check on the people you've sponsored in the past. Make sure they're content and pleased with the Club. Make them feel welcome and promote ACH as a payment option.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS (JOHN DOOLEY 618-830-8755)**

Following the new year is the installation of Officers and Board members. This will be on January 20<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday following the election. When details arise, we will post to our Facebook page and the January newsletter.

### **HOUSE (BRAD MAHER 618-466-3948)**

The Ice Chest on the East side of the Club is always available to all members. Our ice is the best price anywhere. Only \$1.

### **DOCK REPAIR (MATT KNIGHT 618-407-9890)**

We have repairs and maintenance to perform over the winter and spring months to prepare for next season. Please see Matt for details to get in work hours on our docks.

### **GROUNDS (STEVE POHLMAN 618-975-7244)**

Charlie Simpson has been secured for snow removal for the upcoming cold weather season. There are a lot of members who still need their work hours. There is always something to do around the club. If you're not interested in paying \$20 per hour not worked. Give a board member a call.

### **ENTERTAINMENT (CLIFF RUSHTON 618-781-1156)**

We're just under four months away for the Jon Boat Jamboree. Remember to book your private parties at the Club. This is a free perk you can use as a member.

### **DOCK ASSIGNMENT (DAN FITZGERALD 618-806-3708)**

Only 5 docks currently remain available and new members from the December vote are looking to lock up 3 of those 5. This harbor will fill up, and fast!!! If you want the convenience of your own slip, ACT NOW!! Once they are full, assignments will be made based on Regular member seniority.

### **QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING**

After 42 weeks, the elusive Queen of Hearts has finally been revealed. Tina Gentlin's name was on the card pulled from the drum, and her chosen number "22", proved to be correct and most valuable. The crowd of well over 100, offered a round of applause as Mrs. Gentlin emotionally received the great news. Her prize was a healthy \$17,248. Thanks to Tina for buying a round for the huge crowd!!

### **Final Stats from our First Queen of Hearts Board**

-Total Tickets Sold: 33,496

-Total Bar Sales on 42 QoH drawing Days: \$32,836

-The Club's share: \$13,798

*Thank you so much for all of your participation!!!*

### **FROM THE COMMODORE**

A quorum is the minimum number of members of a group necessary to conduct the business of that group. Only 13 regular members attended our November membership meeting. This is dangerously close to our Club requirement of 12. Without 12 regular members, we cannot vote on prospective members' applications. We also cannot approve the bills to be paid, approve money for events, or change any procedures/rules. We must not allow this to happen. Our membership meetings require about 1 hour per month of your time.

Additionally, if you sponsor a potential member, be certain you attend the membership meeting where they will be voted on. If both sponsors are absent, we cannot vote, and the application will not be heard that month.

Invoices for the 2018 Boat Club fiscal year will be compiled in January and mailed out with the February Newsletter. All dues are payable February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Are you looking for the perfect gift for that Boat Club member who has everything? Boat Club gift certificates and fashionable attire are always available at the Club. Just ask your bartender.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 \$10 – 6 BEER BUCKETS AT THE CLUB DURING ALL BLUES GAMES		 ICE ONLY \$1 PER BAG	  THIS SEASON, SPEND YOUR SUNDAY NIGHTS AT THE BOAT CLUB! \$5 PITCHERS DURING THE NIGHT GAME.		<b>1</b> PEGGY'S FULL MENU 5-10	<b>2</b> PEGGY'S FULL MENU 5-10
<b>3</b> PEGGY'S FULL MENU 2-8 SUNDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL \$5 PITCHERS	<b>4</b> BOARD MEETING 7PM FREE WINGS	<b>5</b> FROZEN PIZZAS AVAILABLE	<b>6</b> DEBBIE'S CHICKEN FRIED CHICKEN	<b>7</b> QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 7:30 \$1 HOT DOGS	<b>8</b> PEGGY'S FULL MENU 5-10 UGLY CHRISTMAS ATTIRE PARTY	<b>9</b> PEGGY'S FULL MENU 5-10
<b>10</b> PEGGY'S FULL MENU 1-8 KIDS CHRISTMAS SUNDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL \$5 PITCHERS	<b>11</b> FREE WINGS	<b>12</b> FROZEN PIZZAS AVAILABLE	<b>13</b> DEBBIE'S CHEESEBURGERS AND FRIES	<b>14</b> QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 7:30 \$1 HOT DOGS	<b>15</b> PEGGY'S FULL MENU 5-10	<b>16</b> PEGGY'S FULL MENU 5-10 WII BOWLING 7:30
<b>17</b> PEGGY'S FULL MENU 2-8 SUNDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL \$5 PITCHERS	<b>18</b> FREE WINGS	<b>19</b> MEMBER MTG 7:30 ADULT XMAS PARTY \$1 BOTTLES \$50 DRAWING	<b>20</b> PEGGY'S PIZZA NIGHT MONTHLY DRAWING	<b>21</b> QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 7:30 \$1 HOT DOGS	<b>22</b> PEGGY'S FULL MENU 5-10	<b>23</b> PEGGY'S FULL MENU 5-10
<b>24</b> CHRISTMAS EVE KITCHEN CLOSED CLUB CLOSES 6PM	<b>25</b> MERRY CHRISTMAS NO WINGS GUEST BARTENDER?	<b>26</b> FROZEN PIZZAS AVAILABLE	<b>27</b> DEBBIE'S FRIED PORK CHOPS	<b>28</b> QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 7:30 \$1 HOT DOGS	<b>29</b> PEGGY'S FULL MENU 5-10	<b>30</b> PEGGY'S FULL MENU 5-10
<b>31</b> NEW YEARS EVE POT LUCK TANGLEFOOT						

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