



September 2023

# THE PORTHOLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the Lake Forest Yacht Club



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

*Frank Gutowski, Commodore*

Our 2023 beach operation concludes on Labor Day as our children head back to school next week. It was certainly another excellent beach season with great weather almost every weekend. I want to thank our Beach Director, Scott Davis, and his staff for providing our members with an enjoyable, safe experience at our beach this summer. Many of us are sad to see summer concluding after having so many great memories this season at our club; I assure you the fun will continue with several great events in September.

This weekend we have our annual end of summer season get together. This year it is a Closing Day Luau and Pig Roast on Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have many new members who never experienced our end of season pig roast, as we haven't had it for 10 years. We're pleased to bring it back this year and I want to thank Mike Espinoza and David Cobb for facilitating the pig roast for us. We have an expanded cornhole tournament with 16 teams and nice prizes for the winning team and runner up. Weather looks great for our Luau, so pick out your favorite color lei at the event and let's all enjoy our end of season Luau

The OPA Boat Races are back the weekend of September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Many of our members and guests will enjoy seeing these large racing boats and hearing the roar of the engines as they fly past our club. All LFYC Members are entitled to FREE admission to the event. Members must show their current badge for free admission, just saying you're a member will not get you in. So let the races begin!!

On Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, we have "The Nerds" performing at our clubhouse. A very popular band that you likely have seen at the biggest shore clubs and we're very pleased to have them here. Also great that one of The Nerds is also a member of our club. We're almost sold out for the event, so if you don't yet have your ticket, see Linda in our club office. Join us on the 17<sup>th</sup> to "rock out" with The Nerds!

We do need some member help on a couple projects. We need some minor repair on the tennis courts to fill in surface cracks to prevent winter freezing damage to the surface. Tom Preston is leading this project and we need 5 members to volunteer to apply the crack filler. See details on page 3 of this Porthole. On October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual Beach Closing Breakdown. We have to bring in weed curtains and catwalks, winterization of beach galley, storing our new picnic tables and taking down shade sails and umbrellas. Many tasks with Keith Moran heading up this closedown operation, so please let him know if you can help. The more we have, the faster it goes for all.

In conclusion, I want to remind members that we have three trustee board positions that will need to be filled for 2024. Our Nominating Committee is searching for candidates who would like to volunteer their time to serve on the board of trustees for a two year term. We've had many members serve as trustees in the past, all who have helped in improving and managing our club for all. We'd like you to join the board in helping our club continue to thrive as the best club on Lake Hopatcong. Please contact Dan Schultz or Jeff Lawrence on our Nominating Committee to discuss a candidacy. Being a trustee isn't as hard as you may think.

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Friday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
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## Board of Trustees (officers and responsibilities)

**Frank Gutowski** – Commodore – Responsibilities: Docks, Scholarship, Clubhouse

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## **September Project: Tennis Court Surface Crack Repairs Need 5 Member Volunteers for Project**

Our tennis court has been used much more frequently the past couple years due to the popularity of Pickleball. The club did a surface renovation back in 2020 providing a new playing surface with updated colors and court lines. Maintenance is required at times to keep the court in best shape possible and we need some maintenance before the winter months.

Surface cracks appear due to the nature of the subgrade the court lies on. We need to fill the cracks with sealant before the winter to prevent water from freezing in the cracks causing more damage. Tom Preston will be leading this surface maintenance project as he has experience having repaired them in the past. He needs 5 members to help in filling the cracks with the surface crack filler. A team of 5 can get the project done in a couple hours.

Looking for those 5 members who enjoy using the court for tennis and pickleball to help out here. I know members who use this asset want to keep it in the best shape possible. Please sign up at the link below or contact Tom Preston directly:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-lake1>

## **“Lake Forest Works” Playground Wall Painted**



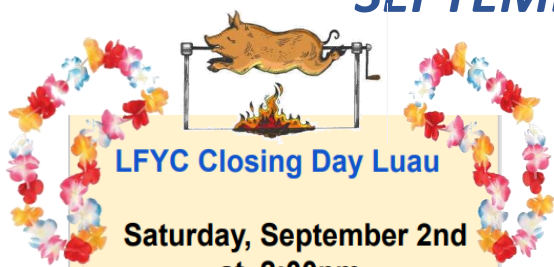
The club did some repairs to the playground wall earlier this season. We now have a fresh coat of paint on the walls thanks to member volunteers. We want to thank Steve and Jamilee Villamarin for taking on this project for our community and applying the fresh coat of paint. Looks Great!

“Lake Forest Works” is where we have small projects for member volunteers to help improve our club on their schedule. Check out the Sign Up Genius link below on small projects you could do to improve our club or recommend a project to the board you would like to do

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-lake1>



## SEPTEMBER EVENTS:



### LFYC Closing Day Luau

**Saturday, September 2nd  
at 2:00pm**

Pig Roast, American BBQ Co, DJ Earl,  
Kids Entertainment (TBD), Beverages,  
Cornhole tournament

Contact Linda in the office to purchase  
your tickets and sign up for the  
cornhole tournament. Deadline to  
purchase tickets is Friday, August 25th.

<b>Adults:</b>	<b>Kids:</b>
Member-\$35	Under 5: free
Non-member-\$45	Age 5 to 15: \$20
	Non-member: \$25

### The Nerds at LFYC



Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023 3 to 5pm  
You must buy tickets to attend the  
event. Tickets include the band and  
beverages.

\*This is an adult only event.

Ticket price: \$35 members, \$45  
non-members

On sale July 8-14 members only. July  
15 it is open for non-resident/  
non-members (10 guests per member)  
Limited tickets available.



**9<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**9AM - 1PM**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
*with Vendors, Raffles, and a Tricky Tray*

**Buy tickets at the door!**

**LAKE FOREST YACHT CLUB**  
**35 Yacht Club Drive, Lake Hopatcong**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast Breast Cancer Fundraiser is on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Dana Ferguson does an excellent job hosting this Fundraiser for Breast Cancer, and It is always a well-attended event with a record \$11,753 raised last year! Vendor sales, Tricky tray baskets and BIG ticket prizes awarded as well. Let's break the record and target over \$12,000 this year.

Wear your best pink outfit and Join us on September 30<sup>th</sup> for some pink pancakes, sides and prizes all in the fight against Breast Cancer.

## Updated Social Event Schedule

### Save the Date!

- September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>- OPA Boat Races
- September 17<sup>th</sup>- The band The Nerds at LFYC
- October 7<sup>th</sup> – Beach Closedown
- October 29<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Trunk or Treat



### Social Committee Needs You!!

Did you know that volunteers plan and run all of our social events?

Social events are not possible without volunteers! We need your help. In order to keep having great events, we need more volunteers. Please sign up for the event/events you would like to help plan. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-upcoming1>

### Community Advertising

Would you like to advertise in our monthly newsletter? Please contact the office for pricing which begins at \$20 per month. Our website averages 14 hits per day



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# Lake Forest Club Rules 2023

Please review the following beach rules to help with smooth operations for our 2023 summer season. The Lake Forest Yacht Club grounds are intended for use solely by its members and their non-resident guests. All members have a responsibility to see that the following rules are adhered to during the year.

## **GENERAL:**

- Use of this facility is at your own risk, lifeguards are there to help provide safety, but not guarantee it.
- Parents are responsible for their children's actions and will be held liable.
- All members and guests must be in possession of a LFYC beach badge with the current year sticker on it.
- Cars must display a LFYC hang tag with the current year sticker.
- LFYC is not responsible for lost or stolen property.
- Animals are welcome on LFYC property but are not permitted on the beach/sand and should be supervised at all times. PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG.
- Use of the facility is permitted only in accordance with all Federal, State, and Local laws and ordinances.

## **WHEN A LIFEGUARD IS ON DUTY:**

- Children 12 years and older are allowed to be on the beach and in the water. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied/supervised by a responsible guardian.

## **WHEN A LIFEGUARD IS NOT ON DUTY:**

- All persons under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible guardian, 16 years or older, when on the beach or swimming.

## **SWIMMING AND DIVING:**

- Swimming is permitted in designated areas only and may be restricted by lifeguards at any time.
- High dive tower is off limits when the lifeguards are off duty.
- No pushing or shoving on the diving platform.
- Only one person is permitted on the diving board, high dive platform, or ladder at a time.
- Divers must dive forward off the board, not to the right or left.
- Exit the water via appropriate ladders. High dive to the right and low board to the left.

## **BEACH:**

- Ball playing is prohibited, except in designated area i.e. volleyball area.
- Fires are not permitted on the beach/sand area.
- Motor vehicles are not permitted in the beach/sand area.
- Bike riding is not permitted in the beach/sand area.
- Fishing from sanded and posted areas is prohibited.
- Umbrellas, pop-up tents, etc. are not to obstruct the lifeguard's view and should not be placed beyond the line of the lifeguard's stand.
- Fold down umbrellas when not in use
- Trailers are not permitted in the beach parking area.
- Do not litter. Put all debris in the provided, marked containers.
- NO GLASS ALLOWED ON BEACH.

## **GUESTS:**

- LFYC Members are responsible for their guests and must be present with them at all times.
- Limit of 10 guests per day. If you require additional guests, please check with the office.
- It's important to have the hang tag in your car and your badge with you and visible while on the property. Guests should have guest passes (available at the office, even when closed) visible on car dashboards and guests must be accompanied by a member while on club property. **No person eligible to join LFYC may be a guest of a member.** Gate keys are not to be provided to any nonmembers for their use without the owner of the key being present and again, **No person eligible to join LFYC may be a guest of a member or use any portion of the club facilities.** Boat trailers are not to be parked overnight in any of the club lots without prior permission from office and must be as far as possible from the boat ramp.

## Electronic Billing & Payment

We are continuing to offer billing of master lease & membership dues via email, with optional online payment. Please email or call the office to set this up. It is quick and easy to do!

## Share Important News!

Send us your other important news like births, birthdays, anniversaries so they can be included in the next porthole! Email the office at [office@lfyc.org](mailto:office@lfyc.org) to have your message included by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## Order Forms

Click [here](#) to print a Lake Forest Apparel order form.

Click [here](#) to print a Personalized Patio Stone form.

## Membership Badges – Car Tags – Gate Keys

It's important to have the hang tag in your car and your badge with you and visible while on the property.

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## Babysitters List

Would you like to be added to this list? We can also add services like Dog Walking to this section, so reach out to the office if you are interested!

- Samantha Gowers – 201-704-7658
- Elise Gilligan\* - 973-440-7166
- Maddie Luke\* - 973-800-5541

*\*Indicates Red Cross Certification*

## Lost Badge Fee:

Starting for 2023, there will be a \$25 per badge fee for replacement of lost badges. There is no fee for updating badges with pictures or name changes, etc.

## Lake Forest Apparel

Stop on down to the office to purchase your Lake Forest Apparel. Currently available at the office for purchase are size medium, large, and x-large t-shirts. Order forms are also available to customize your apparel purchase needs.



## Credit Card Fee

Please note, starting 10/1/23 the fee to use a credit card to pay at the office will increase from 3% to 4% due to the credit card company increasing our fee



# LFYC Trustee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 8/2/23

**Attendees:** Frank, Chrissy, Keith, Kristen, Bryan, Peter

**Called to Order:** 7:02pm

**Adjourned:** 8:50pm

## **Frank:Commodore/Docks/Scholarship/Clubhouse**

- Projects completed: Parking lot lamp shields installed, floodlight at dive tower, wall ball court renovation, lake access handrail, new shower tower replacement received and to be replaced
- New flags needed each year due to weather impact on the flags
- 2024 dock repairs- inspection done. Quote to arrive at month end
- Rental contracts- no contracts to be reviewed
- Clubhouse round tables – 2 tables out of service, to be repaired. Table storage rack, no new update
- Kegerators- still leaking and to be fixed. Manufacturer to be contacted
- Lake Forest Works: 14 projects on the list. Volunteers are coming in. Added recently are Kitchen cabinets cleaned out, outside spigot installed, microphones for sounds system update, pocket panel door repair, trustee plaque updated, organize behind guard shack
- Dive Tower Fountain jets- to be repaired at end of August. Damaged pipe to be repaired. Fountains and pump working
- Dive Tower slide- small team together to evaluate rotating tube sections to correct the slide
- Empty full old keg still to be done
- Uneven walkway near clubhouse and uneven pavers near Adirondack chairs is a tripping hazard. Obtaining quotes to repair

## **Chrissy: Secretary/Office/Communication**

- Membership dues and dock dues to be reviewed

## **Bryan: Bi-Laws/Insurance/Legal**

- No new updates

## **Keith: Maintenance/Nominating/Boating**

- Maintenance- no new updates
- Boat Races- Follow up meeting with OPA on pending issues to be done. Security service to be contacted in regards to moving hours of security during race weekend
- Nominating – 3 Board positions to fill for next year

## **Peter: Security/Wakeoff**

- Security Service- body cams to be worn during boat races. Security service doing a great job
- New Camera for outside of office to be installed. Need camera for clubhouse kitchen. Updated wifi system to be purchased
- Tennis Court- Cracks filled last year are present again this year. To be filled in again before winter
- Wakeoff- Beer truck booked, volunteer list for beer truck in the works, liquor permit obtained, stakes to be installed for beer garden
- Pentair Aeration Unit- to be done next year

## **Kristen: Social/Beach**

- Beach operations running smoothly for the season
- Concession stand is running smoothly and continue to build assortment
- Closing day picnic ticket pricing was reviewed
- The Nerds concert- strong ticket sales for this event
- Paint and sip event discussed, more details to follow
- August 19<sup>th</sup> Cornhole tournament

## **New Business:**

- Display case in clubhouse to be updated to showcase legacy from last 70 years LF history