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THE PORTHOLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the Lake Forest Yacht Club



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Frank Gutowski, Commodore

As the weather improves, we're seeing more activities at our club as members enjoy the warmer weather and start using our field, beach and tennis court. To prepare for those member activities, we need your help at Beach Cleanup Day on Saturday April 15th. Keith Moran is once again coordinating our beach clean-up this year and has a list of projects to complete to prepare for the season, see details on page 4 in this Porthole. Also, on April 22nd, we need volunteers to help us replace the wood façade on the front of the clubhouse. It has been an eyesore for a while and we are taking on the member project to renovate it. The more member volunteers we have, the easier it is for all. Even if you can only help for a couple hours, please come down and help us on both of these projects.

The dock slips and kayak racks are now open for the 2023 Season. Repairs on B and C dock have been completed and members may now use their rented slips. If any members want a dock slip or kayak rack slip, please reach out to the office to secure a slip before we sell out. We will be sold out again this year on dock slips and we're getting many requests for kayak slips. We're also accommodating members who want to stack 2 kayaks or paddleboards in a rented kayak slip this season.

The clubhouse natural gas conversion is complete and we are no longer using propane. I want to recognize trustee Peter Malenda for heading up the project and finding the contractor to do the work in a timely manner. Not only was the project completed on time before we depleted our propane, but also at less than 50% of what we had budgeted for the conversion. Thank you Peter for managing this project and saving the club a large amount of funds for the conversion.

For those 2023 graduating high school seniors who want to apply for the LFYC Scholarship, the application deadline is April 15th. Please make sure to have it submitted before the deadline to be considered for this year's scholarship.

We had a great turnout for our Texas Holdem / Left, Right, Center (LRC) Tournament on March 25th. Congratulations to the first place tournament winners: Jessica Leek, member, in LRC and Amanda Lear, member guest, in Texas Hold'em. I also want to thank Glenn DeSantis for running this popular event for the club. This month we have the Easter Egg Hunt on April 2nd and a couple of social get together events for Seniors as well as Playdates for age 5 and under. See social events page in this issue.

We are taking some measures to address the issue we have with Canadian Geese droppings on our property. This month you will see some excavation work along the walkways at A, B and C Docks where our landscaper will be removing grass and laying landscape fabric covered by river rocks. We believe this will minimize or eliminate droppings along those walkways. We all know there are other areas on our property that need similar attention, so we'll gauge results from this project to put in remediation plans for other areas on our property. Also, we encourage any members with dogs that may like to chase geese to help us when walking your dog. Minimizing food source and harassing the geese are the best means we have right now to help mitigate the problem.

We have some improvements going on at the club this month and you will see more as we continue into 2023. Many of these improvements need member involvement to get accomplished. Please come out and help us on these projects, as we need a good turnout for the Beach Clean-up and Clubhouse Façade Renovation projects.

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Updated Event Schedule!!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events!



Hop on over to Lake Forest Yacht Club to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2 from 2:00-4:00.

We will offer bagels, donuts, refreshments, a craft for the kids, and of course an Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny will be here from 2:30-3:30, egg hunt will be around 2:15.

This event is open to members and their nonmember/nonresident guests. Please bring your own basket.

Please RSVP with the number attending. We are trying to get a rough idea of how many people will be there.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showRSVPSignUp/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-lfyc6>



Opening Day Picnic

Save the date! Saturday May 27th

Details to follow soon!

Calling All Stay at Home Parents!

Please come on down to the clubhouse for parent meet-ups for playdates. All ages birth to 5 years old welcome. Please feel free to bring a toy to share or a toy to donate to the playdate at the club. This is open to members only. Upcoming dates: April 3rd and April 24th

Seniors Citizen Get Togethers: Come on down to the club to enjoy games and conversations from 3-5pm. There will be donuts and coffee while supplies last. Upcoming dates: To be announced

Youth Tennis Lessons:

The club is looking to do youth tennis lessons for members in the Spring. It would be a group lesson of 4 kids to a group for an hour for a select number of weeks. Cost would be \$30 a kid for each lesson. Please reach out to Kristen Brown if interested. 973-768-6958

Social Committee Needs You!!

The Social Committee is always looking for help. If you are interested in helping with an event or have ideas for new events, please reach out to Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958 or Desirae Nigro at 908-892-3679. Upcoming Social Committee meeting dates: April 20th at 7pm



Beach Spring Clean-up

It's that time of the year again! Mark your calendars for our annual Beach Spring Clean-up.

Date: April 15th. We will need several volunteers to get the list of important beach clean-up and start-up tasks for the season completed. Please see to do list below. Any questions please reach out to Keith Moran

LFYC Spring Cleanup Checklist

Install

- Catwalks
- Weed Curtains
- Goose guards
- Diving Boards
- Ladders on dive tower
- Countertops
- Hang TVs

Clean

- Galley
- Galley bathrooms
- Lifeguard room
- Playground

Labor

- Blow sand off galley and patios
- Shovel sand away from the beach wall
- Rake playground
- Shovel sand from parking lot
- Move/paint lifeguard chair after sand has been spread
- Remove ice eaters
- Unwrap Weedoo, save wood
- Remove shutters over windows in lifeguard room
- Put out foosball table/connect 4/BBQ grills
- Put out garbage cans along the beach patio
- Put out bar stools
- Inspect/fix adirondack chairs/picnic tables

Trash Pickup

- Parking lot/gardens
- Softball field/basketball court
- B&C lot/Wall Ball/dock areas
- Clubhouse/Commodore Room area
- Swim team point
- Tennis court
- Horseshoe Pits

Miscellaneous

- Move garbage can to basketball court
- Paint chains
- Stain picnic tables
- Demo bocci pit

April 22nd Clubhouse Façade Repair

Need a Team of 5 Volunteers

The wood on the south side façade of our clubhouse needs to be replaced. This has been an eyesore for quite a while with the paint peeling off the wood and warped wood as seen in the photo. These need to be replaced and we are securing the materials needed to paint and replace the wood façade and have selected Saturday April 22nd for the club project. To minimize cost, we are making this repair a member project.



I have Bill Brown leading the project on that day and I need 5 member volunteers to help us with this repair. The project entails taking down the old wood boards, painting new T1-11 wood siding panels, helping cut and attach to building. New vents will be installed as well. We're renting a scissor lift for Bill and a member volunteer to do the removal and new panel install. Remainder of team will be helping on ground transferring debris to the dumpster and providing material to go up on the clubhouse.

Please reach out to me via e-mail or cell if you can give us 4-6 hours on Saturday April 22nd to help on this needed repair.

Beach Concessions Committee

We are looking for 5 members to volunteer on this committee to set the beach season concessions menu and source inventory.

The ideal member volunteers would be from families who frequent the beach and concession stand during the summer. They know what members like to order at the stand and are the best source for identifying and securing the in demand concessions. Also being savvy shoppers for best deals to help minimize cost to our members.



The committee would run from early May through Labor Day and be asked to:

1. Set menu of concessions to be sold. Drinks, Snacks, Candy, Ice Cream, etc....
2. Set affordable concession pricing for our members based on inventory cost.
3. Source the concession items for startup and weekly inventory maintenance. Shopping at the Wholesale stores like Costco and our local grocery stores. Being the savvy shopper to load up on those sale items.
4. Weekly reimbursements from club office on inventory purchased.

The committee will not be tasked to run the concession stand. We will have hired help to do that.

We just need volunteer member oversight on inventory selection and keeping the concession stocked through the season from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day.

That is why we are requesting member volunteers to help on this committee to provide our community with an excellent experience this summer at our concession stand. Please reach out to our club office to volunteer, or if you have any questions in regard, please speak with Kristen Brown who oversees beach operations this year.

The \$2,500.00 Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship

Applications Deadline is April 15th 2023!

Members may now apply for the 2023 LFYC Scholarship, which we will be awarding to one of our members who is a 2023 graduating high school senior. Applications are available on our website: www.lfyc.org. The deadline for submission for this scholarship is April 15th 2023.



NOTE: Two application revisions for the 2023 Scholarship Submission:

1. The online application is in pdf format and all entries must be typed. **No handwritten applications accepted this year.** Use a pdf editing application on your computer, such as Adobe, to enter all your data. Adobe also permits electronic signature of the applicant or print, sign and scan. Electronic signature or hand signed will be accepted.
2. No mailed or hand delivered applications will be accepted. All applications with scanned supporting documents must be submitted via email to the club office by midnight on April 15th 2023. Applicants are recommended to send e-mail with “delivery receipt” to confirm submission. In the event of any discrepancy regarding application submission, it is the responsibility of the applicant to provide proof of e-mail submission by the required deadline.

Scholarship applications must have an e-mail delivery date no later than April 15th 2023. The five members of the 2023 LFYC Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications and make a decision on who will be the recipient of this year’s LFYC Scholarship. The recipient will be notified on or before May 1st, 2023.



2023 Kayak Rack Slip Rentals

The rental season starts on April 1st and concludes on October 31st. The Kayak Racks may only be used during the rental season and vessels need to be removed at conclusion of the season.

Only Kayaks, Stand Up Paddleboards (SUP) and Canoes may be stored on the racks. None may be stored on the ground. Members that would like to rent a slip on the kayak rack need to complete the kayak rack rental agreement and provide the rental fee payment of \$25 for the season. Each renter will receive a Kayak Storage Permit sticker to attach to their vessel. Each sticker is individually numbered for member identification of property.

Reach out to the club office to rent a slip as numbered in the image above as well as on the kayak racks. Kayak rack slips 31 to 36 is reserved exclusively for SUP’s. All other kayak slips are open for kayaks, SUP or canoes. Just like how we manage our dock rentals, members who rent in 2023 will have first right to renew for the following year.

BEST PRACTICES: To Keep our Club Clean!

- Please remember our club operates with volunteers and everyone's help is needed to keep it maintained!
- Be sure your trash and recycling makes its way to the appropriate bins at the beach, playground, galley, restrooms, patio, and field while enjoying the property.
- Do not overfill the trash and recycling bins or leave any items next to or on top of the bins.
- Place pizza boxes directly in the recycling dumpster – do not stuff into recycling bins.
- If you see trash on the ground, please be kind and pick it up.
- If trash or recycling is full and you are able to take it to the dumpster, the help is much appreciated.
- Smoking is not permitted on the beach or near the galley or picnic tables. Cigarette butts are not to be left on the ground anywhere on the property, including the parking lots.
- Please refrain from moving adirondack chairs, picnic tables, benches. It causes unnecessary wear and tear on these items.
- Close umbrellas in high wind, if a storm is incoming, or when leaving.
- TVs in the galley are continuously being left on overnight. Remotes are provided on the counter for your use – they must be turned off before leaving.



PLEASE don't do this!!!!

2023 Membership stickers:

If you have paid your membership, please stop down the office to get your 2023 stickers.

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 to have your message included by the 20th 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.

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. Gate keys are not to be provided to any non-members for their use without the owner of the key being present. 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. Thank you for your attention to these items!

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!

- Shanna Leek* - 973-663-1904
- Samantha Gowers – 201-704-7658
- Rebecca Schultz* - 973-876-0362
- Elise Gilligan* - 973-440-7166
- Michela Schultz* - 973-862-2020

**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.

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



Regina Ashworth

Sales Representative

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LFYC Trustee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 3/14/23

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

Called to Order: 7:05pm

Adjourned: 9:48pm

Welcome back Bryan Hyland to Board to replace James Davitt vacant position

Frank: Commodore/Docks/Scholarship

- Dock slips: 73 slips confirmed, 8 open slips, 2 slips to non-member rentals in potential income
- Dock repair- Should be done by April 1st, weather has delayed work. Ice eaters still in but disconnected
- Kayak rentals- Program in place. No more than 2 per vessel per slot. Must be a family member and vessels need to be stacked per slot, \$10 surcharge for member's 2nd vessel
- New kayak rack needs a support brace and to be secured to ground
- Geese mgmt.: A,B,C dock grass removal and gravel rock installation into grass removal area to deter geese on property. USDA will walk property to inspect for geese nests. Members encouraged to bring dogs down to chase geese away
- Scholarship- applications being accepted now through 4/15
- Club house façade repairs scheduled for 4/22. Need volunteers to help execute
- Club house – Quote from Polite Plumber for Water spigot to be installed for clubhouse exterior. Board decided not to pursue at this time.
- Storage room to be cleaned & reorganized, a few light fixtures to be replaced, and storage rack in closet. Cable box access for member use of Clubhouse TV during rentals.
- Lighthouse- 2 solar lights damaged due to loss of sand around fixture. River rock around the cement base to be done and lights fixed

Chrissy: Secretary/Communications/Office

- No new updates

Pat: Treasurer/Grounds

- Pat to take on overseeing Swim Team
- In person registration take place 3/26, 3-5pm in Clubhouse. Pizza will be offered
- Pancake breakfast June 11th, cornhole fundraiser in July
- Pat is lead on dredging project. Permits have been applied for

Bryan: Bi-Laws/Insurance/Legal

- All insurances renewed and up to date

Keith: Maintenance/Nominating/Boating

- Keith is lead on basketball court repairs, project quotes to be reviewed
- Beach clean-up – Machine rented and de-winterize outside bathrooms scheduled 4/13-4/14. Supplies to be purchased and clean up list to be done

Peter: Security/Wakeoff

- Security- Beach galley timer purchased but needs to be installed. Security camera for boat ramp to be done in Spring
- Security Service- company is looking for employees, contract still to be signed but will move forward
- Aeration machine transfer- Too many unknown variables, too costly to maintain, lack of confidence to fix machine, and no statistics to back up that machine did anything. Frank motion to return this machine, Chrissy second.
- Natural gas conversion- 30% propane left. Plumber already working on piping and conversion for natural gas. Town to check work once done. Propane company owns tank and will take tank and gas back.

Kristen: Social/Beach

- Social- Egg hunt coming up, donuts, bagels, coffee for this event. LRC/Texas hold-um event- 48 people committed to attend
- Opening Day – Still doing American BBQ, tent, DJ, kids entertainment all booked, pricing to be established and tiered pricing for kids, Desert contest
- Beach Updates- Lifeguard staffing and hourly pay reviewed and updated. Re-certify Lake Forest member Lifeguards to be done. Beach director- Beach director will have set hours and hours will be posted to community
- Concession committee- 2 member volunteers so far

New Business:

- Beach Shade- Umbrella clips to hold umbrellas in place to be installed, mesh umbrellas and firmer bases to be purchased. 2 shade sails with poles to be purchased
- Boat Races – Motion from Kristen to approve and move forward OPA boat races back at beach club in September. Second by Frank. All in favor