December, 2016

Alton-Wood River Sportsmen's Club, Inc.

President's Corner

Season's greetings everyone. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Now our attention turns to Christmas and the new year. This year's Club Christmas Party will be Dec. 13th in the ballroom. I encourage anyone who has children, and grandchildren to sign them up ASAP. There are signup sheets in the "Lakeside Lounge". The sooner we get our kids signed up, the easier it makes the job of Susie Reagan, Heather Gant, Ally Dwiggens, and Jamie Longnecker, to make this a great event for all. And I'm sure Santa will make an appearance. I'll include my email at the bottom, you can send me names and ages if you can't get to the Club.

Hunting season continues, our duck hunters have had some of the best early season success in recent years. Deer hunters have had success also. Check out the pictures of Jimmy Ditterline's 12-point buck taken during the shotgun season, and Russ Billings big 8 point taken with bow and arrow. The

Clubs Waterfowl members, and Deer hunters work hard all year long to enhance the habitat areas of the Club. Be sure to thank them when you can.

Work and plans continue to enhance the Godfrey facility. Thanks to the inflow of funds from the "Queen of Hearts" and raffles we've been able to set aside some money for projects. The projects we hope to do in the near future are: redesigning the bar to increase seating and patron service, revamping the lakeside deck into a completely covered deck, adding storage space near the bingo storage area, a new entry for the ballroom, and removing the shingles from the façade and replacing with metal to match the building. Needless to say, these are big projects but their completion will enhance the Club's appeal to not only Members, but to the public who rent our facility.

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Volunteer of the Month

There is no volunteer of the month for the month of December.



Trap House Rental

Members may only rent the trap house for someone else if that person is an immediate family member (i.e., parent, grandparent, great grandparent, step parent, son, daughter, or in-law).

President's Corner, Continued

As I mentioned in the previous paragraph, we are setting aside funds to help offset the cost of these projects. Normal expenses continue. We've been hit pretty hard this year with aging A/C repairs, and then a sewer line collapse Thanksgiving week. The sewer repair by itself will cost us over \$4k, and we've spent several thousand on HVAC, lighting, and refrigeration repairs. It's obvious we can't borrow our way out of these issues, so we must earn our way out. Bingo, Gaming machines, and Special Functions add vital cash flow to our Club. One day in the future it would be nice to use our dues base for capital improvements, instead of operating expenses. So please volunteer to help when you can. Utilize the Club in the bar, or dining room. Every dollar you spend at the Club makes for a better Club.

Food, and Beverage manager Greg Naughton, and Operations manager Heather Gant work hard to provide product and service to our clientele. Menu upgrades are a regular occurrence, we try to give people what they want. We're open seven days a week, and have Queen of Hearts on Monday evenings. If you have any requests or suggestions feel free to tell Greg, Heather, or me. Remember we can't fix an issue if we don't know about it.

Saturday, Nov. 26th our Club hosted a Memorial Fundraiser for the family of fallen officer Blake Snyder. We had a great turn out and the event was a complete success. Thanks to Ron Young, Mark Maggos, Andrea Abbott, and Maggie Sholar who put on the event.

I'll close with a reminder that Dec. is when we vote for the 2017 Board.

There are two director positions open, and all officers are running unopposed. I can speak for all of the Board and hope that we get a good turnout. Check the bulletin for dates, and times.

Have a very Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Until next month,
Brad Brands
President
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Calendar of Events

December 10—Election Voting 3-6pm

December 13—Children's Christmas Party

December 14—Election Voting 7-10pm

December 17—Election Voting 12-8pm

Turkey Shoot

I would like to thank all who contributed their time, energy and merchandise to our annual Turkey Shoot. We managed to make a profit of \$1,900. This would not have been possible without all of the dedicated members who stepped forward to offer their help.

Thank you! Ed Hamburg

Happy Birthday To......



Happy Birthday to: 1- Kathy Brunaugh, Bobby Roberts; 2- John Arhling, Gerald Brooks, Jr., Robert Fleming, Terry Grizzle; 3- Michael Kohl, Chris Padgett, Don Whipple; 4- Donna Massey; 6- Don Cox, Stephen Forbes, Wyatt Smith; 7- Justin Simpson, Chris Tite; 8- Caitlin Cairns, Bryan Jenkins; 9- Wanda Henesey, Jake Miller; 11- Michael Allen, Gary Gray; 13- Clayton Halford, Marilyn Stephens; 14- Jake Strohbeck; 15- Matthew Guymon; 16-Bradley Beck; 17- Williams Capps, Dale Neudecker, 20- Anthony Bradley, Scott Manns; 21- Melvin Bristow, Donald Yates; 22- Eugene Beckham;

23- Patrick Halliday, Monty Hawkins, Sr.; 24- Frederick Schmiskie; 25- Noel Rister; 26- Jack Garrett, Stephanie Monroe, Jack Sanford; 27- Kent Elliott, Robert Geisen, Edmund Morrissey, Nicholas Schneider; 28- Tim Bermaix, Wayne Harris; and, 29- Cecil Edwards, Kermit Schien.

Have You Changed Your Address?

If you have changed your email address, phone number or your mailing address, please be sure to notify the Club.

Dining Room Operation

For parties of eight (8) or more, we ask that you please call ahead.

The Dining Room Staff

Club News

First off, I would like to wish each and every one of you and your families a joyous holiday season. We will be hosting the Children's Christmas party on Tuesday, December 13 at 6p.m. There are sign up forms in Lakeside Lounge for your child(ren). There is also a sign up form for volunteers and snacks. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

We had a great turn out for the Blake Snyder event this past weekend. Thank you to all who came out and supported his family.

Lunch specials are now \$6.00. Chef Jim is cooking up some tasty items this month. Please make sure you stop out and try one of our specials.

I would like to give my parking spot to Allison (Ally) Dwiggins. She does a lot in the office with me. She has helped me with many of the events that the Club has had, including the kids parties. I am glad to have her working with me. Enjoy your parking spot this month Ally! Thank you for all of your hard work and time that you put in here! I appreciate you!

Happy Holidays to all!

Always, Heather Gant Operations Manager

Don't forget to come out and vote for the 2017 Board of Directors. Voting dates & times are:

December 10th from 3-6 pm December 14th from 7-10 pm December 17th from 12-8 pm

SNY Members—Keeping You Posted

The next meeting is December 6th at 6:30PM.

To all Pleasant Hill people, please remember that it is hunting season. Please be respectful of our deer and duck hunters, by checking the board to see which blind or deer stand they are hunting before riding.

All trailer pad fees must be paid by December 31st. There are 4 trailer spots available. If you are interested, please contact Scott Schweitzer. Please remember to place your sewer caps on and close the valves on your camper.

December Lunch Specials

- 1: Frisco burger
- 2: Baked cod w/tomato basil rice
- 5: Smothered chicken w/garlic noodles
- 6: Roasted pork loin
- 7: Taco salad
- 8: Bacon BBQ cheeseburger w/onion rings
- 9: Fried cod w/slaw & fries
- 12: Chicken fried steak
- 13: Reuben & fries
- 14: Beef stew w/honey biscuit
- 15: BLT w/fresh fruit
- 16: Roast beef on grilled texas toast w/pepper jack cheese
- 19: Bacon wrapped meatloaf
- 20: Chili dogs w/sweet potato fries
- 21: Chicken & dumplings
- 22: Sub sandwich w/vegetable beef soup
- 23: Beer battered cod w/tomato basil slaw
- 26: Breaded chicken tenders w/pasta salad
- 27: Ham & beans w/cornbread
- 28: Open face roast beef
- 29: Pasta con broccoli w/garlic bread
- 30: Breaded catfish

Camper Care

Let's try to keep our campsites looking good.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 BINGO 6:30	Prime Rib w/2 sides \$18.99	3 Prime Rib w/2 sides \$18.99
4 Lakeside Lounge 1-8	5 Now Open	SNY Meeting 6:30 Limited Menu 4-7:30	7 Roasted Pork Loin w /2sides \$9.95	8 BINGO 6:30	9 Pepperloin w/2 sides \$19.95	Pepperloin w/2 sides \$19.95
11 Lakeside Lounge 1-8	12 Now Open	Board Meeting 6:30 Limited Menu 4-7:30	14 Chicken Marsala w/2sides \$9.95	15 BINGO 6:30	16 Chicken Modiga w/2 sides \$9.95	17 Chicken Modiga w/2 sides \$9.95
18 Lakeside Lounge 1-8	19 Now Open	Regular Meeting 6:30 Limited Menu 4-7:30	21 Stuffed Green Peppers w/side \$8.95	22 BINGO 6:30	23 1/2 Slab BBQ Ribs w/2 sides \$14.95	24 Closed
Closed Closed	26 Now Open	27 Limited Menu 4-7:30	28 Mexican Platter \$9.95	29 BINGO 6:30	30 Smothered Ribeye w/2 sides \$14.95	31 Smothered Ribeye w/2 sides \$14.95

Dining Room Hours:
Sun, Mon, Tues: Closed
Wed-Thurs: 5:00 pm—8:00 pm
Fri & Sat: 5:00 pm—9:00 pm

Lakeside Lounge Hours: Sun: 1:00 pm—8:00 pm Mon-Sat: 11:00 am—12:30 am

Bar Menu Served on Tues-Sat from 11:00 am-7:30 pm

Office Hours: Tues-Fri: 9:00-5:00