



# The Cherokee Chatter

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 12

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## Boater Education Course – May 18th

This year, the Boater Education Course has been set for Saturday, May 18th at the Cherokee Water Company, NK 20 Lake Cherokee.

The class will run from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm with a 30 minute break for lunch.

**\*LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED\***

Students may only attend the class if they are at least 12 ½ years old by the date of the class.

Pre-registration is **required** and will need to be received no later than Friday, May 10th:

[https://tpwd.elementlms.com/course/boater-education-classroom-course-598/?fbclid=IwAR1r8xvCdLHHjKLOcvx\\_SFMsdBP-sSajlYlvjLpeYglzND-Go9FPVBsuMXM](https://tpwd.elementlms.com/course/boater-education-classroom-course-598/?fbclid=IwAR1r8xvCdLHHjKLOcvx_SFMsdBP-sSajlYlvjLpeYglzND-Go9FPVBsuMXM)

Please complete the registration online and mail \$20.00 to:

Cherokee Water Company  
NK 20 Lake Cherokee  
Longview, TX 75603

If you were born **ON** or **AFTER** September 1, 1993, you **MUST** complete an approved Boater Education course to operate a PWC, windblown vessel over 14 feet in length or a boat with more than a 15 horsepower rating unless supervised from someone who is 18 years of age or older, who can lawfully (born before September 1, 1993 or completed an approved Boater Education course) operate the watercraft and is on board when the vessel is underway.

For questions, please contact Misty at (903) 643-3933 or [misty@lkcherokee.com](mailto:misty@lkcherokee.com).

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The CWC Board Of Directors meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. ALL SHAREHOLDERS ARE WELCOME.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHEROKEE WATER COMPANY

April 18, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Directors for Cherokee Water Company was held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 18, at NK 200 Lake Cherokee, Longview Texas 75603 with the following Directors present:

George Strunk, President  
 Bill Adler, Vice President  
 Johnnie Tyler, Treasurer  
 Sue Wilson, Secretary  
 Bo Besharse  
 David Collins  
 Seleta Davis  
 Larry Lacewell  
 Randall Latch  
 Steve Lobue  
 Randy Stringer  
 Lynda Whalen

President George Strunk called the meeting to order.

Sue Wilson, Secretary, pronounced a quorum.

A MOTION was made by Bill Adler and seconded by Sue Wilson to approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2019 regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

The motion passed.

Johnnie Tyler, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. The financial statements were reviewed in detail at the committee meeting on Monday. Operating revenues are on budget and operating expenses are under budget.

A MOTION was made by Johnnie Tyler and seconded by Bill Adler to approve the financial statements for month ending March 31, 2019.

The motion passed.

A MOTION was made by Johnnie Tyler and seconded by Randall Latch to certify the bills paid for month ending March 31, 2019.

Managers Memo -  
 Report by Erin Summerlin:

1. I have requested Terry Winn to do the TCEQ REQUIRED 5-year amended/updated water conservation plan for us. This shouldn't be a big expense since it is just an update – not much has changed and we still just have the City of Longview and Knox Lee as customers.

2. We just hired 2 part-time Patrolmen and 2 part-time Fuel Center attendants. We will hire 2 seasonal Maintenance guys soon to help with the mowing.

3. There is one full lease fee due for the 2017-2018 lease renewal period that was turned over to the Lake Attorney on February 1, 2018 for collection.

4. There are 10 full lease fees due for the 2018-2019 lease renewal period that were turned over to the Lake Attorney on February 1, 2019 for collection.

5. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half lease payments are being collected now and become delinquent on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

6. The Fuel Center summer hours will begin on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>- Tuesday-Friday 2:00 pm-6:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am-6:00 pm and Sunday noon-6:00 pm.

7. Beginning Memorial Day Weekend, we have invited food trucks to set up at Firecracker Park every weekend until Labor Day weekend. Right now, Divine Catering, C Rojo's Mobile Cuisine, Tiki-Hut Snowballs, Sweet Treats & More, JC Cones and Street Licious have signed on.

Lynda Whalen, Chair of the Property and Rules Committee, reported that the Committee did meet this month and had three action items to bring before the Board.

A MOTION was made by Lynda Whalen and seconded by David Collins that the Board approve the recommendation of the committee for the following:

1. A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE from Mitchell Reed, NG 45, to construct an attached open deck closer than 75' to the water. Both shareholders have signed off on this variance.

2. A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE from Michael Cherry, NI 17, to construct a 10'x20' storage building closer than 6' to the property line. This building will have a 4/12 pitch roof and 12" overhang on all

4 sides. Both shareholders have signed off on this variance.

3. A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE from Chad Powell, NP 79, to construct a 1,960 sq. ft. boathouse farther than 50' from the shoreline. Both shareholders have signed off on this variance.

The motion passed.

Randy Stringer, Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, reported that the Committee did meet this month and had no action items to bring before the Board.

Johnnie Tyler, Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, reported that the Committee did meet this month and had no action items to bring before the Board.

Sue Wilson, Chair of the Policy and Conduct Committee, reported that the Committee did meet this month and had one action item to bring before the Board.

A MOTION was made by Sue Wilson and seconded by Bill Adler that the Board approve the following amendments to the bylaws of Cherokee Water Company.

ARTICLE V, SECTION 3, is amended to read:

*A regular meeting of the directors shall be held in the principal office of the Corporation, or at such place as may be designated by the majority of such directors, immediately after the adjournment of each annual meeting of shareholders, and also on the third Thursday of January, April and July, provided however, that whenever such day shall fall upon a legal holiday the meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day.*

ARTICLE V, SECTION 5, is amended to read:

*Notices of all regular and special meetings of directors shall be provided to each director by the secretary at least two (2) days previous to the time fixed*

## MEMORIAL DAY

The Cherokee Water Company office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday, May 28th.

Have a great Memorial Day weekend, Lake Cherokee!

*for the meeting. Notice to directors of meetings may be provided by electronic mail sent on the Corporation's mail server. The notice shall state the purpose of such meeting. Notice may be waived by all directors signing a waiver of notice.*

ARTICLE V, SECTION 6, is amended to read:

*A quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of directors shall consist of seven (7) members of the board of directors. The act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present at the time of the act is the act of the board of directors of the Corporation unless a greater number is required by these bylaws or law.*

ARTICLE V, SECTION 11, is amended to read:

*Any director missing four (4) consecutive regular meetings shall be automatically removed from the board of directors. The board may appoint a director to fill the unexpired term.*

George Strunk read ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1-...*The Board of Directors may amend these bylaws by a vote of three-fourths of the directors at any of its meetings.*

Randy Stringer, Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee, reported that the Committee did meet this month and had no action items to bring before the Board.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.

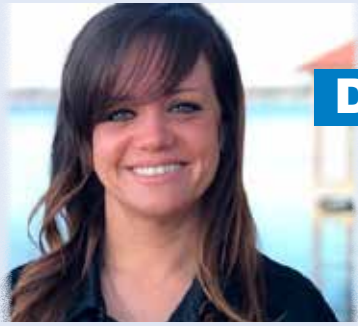
ATTEST:

Sue Wilson, Secretary

## LEASE RENEWAL REMINDER

Payment was due April 1st for those shareholders that took advantage of the split payment option for the annual 2018-2019 lease renewal. A \$100 late fee was added May 1st to the amount due but unpaid. If not received in the CWC office by May 31st, another late fee of \$100 will be due.

*Manager's Memo  
-Erin Summerlin*



## Despite the Cold

Despite the cold, then hot, then cold again weather (not to mention the rain and the wind!), the calendar shows it the time of year for enjoyable watercraft weather.

I would like to invite all our shareholders, guests and any children thirteen years or older to attend the Texas Parks and Wildlife Boater Safety Course sponsored by Lake Cherokee. It is a one-day class on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the CWC offices at NK 20. This is a fast-paced busy day that will teach you the federal and state water rules and regulations along with the additional watercraft rules that are specific to Lake Cherokee. The course covers required equipment, buoy and marker identifications, right-of-way rules, safety responsibility and much more. If you were born on or after September 1, 1993, you must have taken and passed a TP&W Boater Safety Course to operate a watercraft, unless you are accompanied by someone 18 or over that has their boating license or that was born before September 1, 1993. It is amazing how many boats are operated by people that have never had any instruction on boating but because they have the keys to the watercraft, feel qualified. There is much more to responsible boating than just ownership. If you have

never taken a class or if you want to brush up on your knowledge, or maybe you want to serve as moral support for your child or grandchild that is attending the class, please join us. Everyone will learn something, even the experienced! The cost of the class is \$20.00. Our famous Chef Hays will be grilling the hot dogs and chips and soft drinks will be provided. We have lots of door prizes and prizes for best scores on the test. You must pre-register so contact the office if you are interested in attending.

This time of year the wildflowers will be in full bloom. Take a minute to enjoy their beauty as you travel the lake roads. One thing we would like you to be aware of though. Every year around this time we get numerous calls from two types of callers. One will wonder if the company mowers are broken - why haven't we mowed? The second call will be asking why we mowed down the wildflowers while there were still many blooms showing. As you can imagine, this is a tight-rope scenario for our maintenance department. We too enjoy the flowers and want them to be visible as long as possible, but there comes a time when the vegetation surrounding the blooms encourages snakes and other varmints to set up housekeeping. Unfortunately, when that time comes, blooms or no blooms the decision has to be made to start the mowing season.

We welcome springtime with open arms and hope you, your family and friends have a memorable and safe lake-time experience this year!

### 2019 VARIANCE REQUESTS

ALL variance requests MUST be turned in by 5:00pm the Monday before the Property Committee meets. (10 days before the Board meeting)

<b>May 6</b>	<b>August 5</b>	<b>November 11</b>
<b>June 10</b>	<b>September 9</b>	<b>December 9</b>
<b>July 8</b>	<b>October 7</b>	

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## Welcome to Lake Cherokee

March 2019 Transfers - 8



If you have questions regarding a property or stock transfer, please contact Marie Shoemaker. (903) 643-3933 or marie@lkcherokee.com

## LAKE CHEROKEE SECURITY REPORT

### MARCH 2019

<b>FACILITY CHECK:</b> 1,098	<b>REMOVE DEAD ANIMAL:</b> 0
<b>EXTRA PATROL:</b> 32	<b>CLEAR ROADWAY OF TREES/ DEBRIS:</b> 8
<b>WELFARE CHECK:</b> 3	<b>BOAT LAUNCH/ REMOVAL:</b> 174
<b>OPEN DOOR/BLG/ VEH:</b> 2	<b>DISTURBANCE:</b> 3
<b>SUSPICIOUS PERSON/ VEHICLE:</b> 12	<b>BURGLARY/ THEFT:</b> 0
<b>ISSUE PERMIT:</b> 5	<b>ALARMS:</b> 10
<b>SET OUT/PICK UP TRAP:</b> 5	<b>VEHICLE/BOAT ACCIDENT:</b> 0
<b>REMOVE ANIMAL FROM TRAP/LOT:</b> 6	<b>WATER RESPONSE CALLS:</b> 2
<b>IMPOUND DOMESTIC ANIMAL:</b> 5	<b>CODE/TRASH VIOLATIONS:</b> 0
	<b>ASSIST OTHER AGENCY:</b> 4



**GREAT BLUE HERON**  
Asa Hampton, SU-6



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We had a good group for the meeting and the cookie people for the meeting were Larry Willis, Gwen Skinner Kozeluh, Anna O'Brien, Bob Tippit, Steve Snyder, Brenda Wyche, Bonnie Hegeman, Gerry Schilling, Cheryl Harmon, and Genia Holland.

Joe Travis announced that most of the fish for this year's hatchery are in the ponds and by the time this article comes out, we should have the catfish in the ponds too.

The results of the Annual Open Bass tournaments were announced by Gretchen Rogers and the winners were; Ladies Big Bass, Cathy Withers; Youth Big Bass, Cooper Moore; 1<sup>st</sup> place Big Bass, Brady Lobue; heaviest stringers; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Joey Pettit and Ross Gipson 23, pounds; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Casey Moore 21 lbs.; 3<sup>rd</sup> Shane Hartless and Sawyer Hartless; Mart Freeman and Bob Rushlow, 19.8 pounds; 4<sup>th</sup> Sam Mores and Brady Johnson, 19.7; 5<sup>th</sup> Bobby Pettit and Kevin Filipowsicz.

Steve Brown introduced Stubby Stubblefield as our guest speaker. Stubby has been a catfish guide for 45 years and the last nine years guiding on Lake Fork. Stubby said he holds the state record for catching the largest catfish using 6 lb. line. It was a flathead weighing in at 51 pounds. He also manufactures his own brand of catfish bait and "100% guarantees that it will catch catfish. His guide fee is \$275 for four hours of fishing. His bait is available at East Texas Sonar and A-1 Baits in Kilgore. His contact number is 817-366-5492.



Stubby Stubblefield speaking to the fishing club



On Monday, May 13 our next fishing club meeting is held in the activity room, downstairs, of the CWC office, located at NK 20. He will be discussing the emerging vegetation that is quickly growing in the lake. This vegetation has already had effects on fishing, spawning of fish and inundating many coves throughout the lake. It would be some great information for all shareholders to attend this meeting and we invite everyone to come.



Tex Parker holding Stubby's catfish bait

The end of the meeting is our monthly raffle and we had seven winners that night. The winners and their items were; Bonnie Hegeman, Chase Palmer, and Brent Lacey, Solid Pawn gift bag of fishing baits; Gerry Schilling, Yetti tumbler; Bob Tippit, reel; Pete Staiti, Lowes Gift card; Buster McCord a Stubby's cap and Buster gave his item to Tex Parker, one of the many youth that attend club meetings.

We will not be having the crappie tournament on June 1<sup>st</sup> but will reschedule it for sometime in September or October.

We had some very good door prizes for the tournament fishermen and will post all those that donated in the next Chatter article. I hope you support them, the way they support our community.

**PROTECT THE LAKES YOU LOVE.**  
**STOP GIANT SALVINIA. CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY.**

**STOP THE SPREAD OF GIANT SALVINIA!**  
 Giant Salvinia is attacking Texas lakes and rivers. This invasive plant restricts fishing, boating and swimming and causes devastating environmental and economic damage. All it takes is one small piece left on your boat, trailer or gear to infest another lake. Always CLEAN, DRAIN, and DRY before leaving the lake — it's the law.

**PROTECT THE LAKES AND RIVERS YOU LOVE**  
 Giant Salvinia can double in size in less than a week. If left unchecked, it can form mats up to three feet thick that make fishing, boating and swimming nearly impossible. As Giant Salvinia spreads, it also crowds out native plants that provide food and habitat for local fish and birds.

**SPOTTING GIANT SALVINIA**  
 Giant Salvinia is a highly invasive, free-floating aquatic fern. It forms dense mats of folded, quarter-sized green leaves that float on the water surface. The leaves are covered with white, coarse hairs, giving them a velvety appearance.

What kind of boater are you?  
 Take the quiz at <https://www.texasinvasives.org/invasivesquiz/>

**REMEMBER:**  
 Effective March 15, 2018, Lake Cherokee became a CONTROLLED ACCESS ONLY waterway. This means that the 3 boat ramps are closed and locked. Launching watercraft from shareholder lots is no longer permitted and private boat ramps are not to be used. Any watercraft put in Lake Cherokee is required to pass an inspection performed by a CWC officer. Arrangements can be made to launch and remove a craft by contacting Lake Patrol at (903) 643-7321. The fine for non-compliance is \$1,000.

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## Lake Cherokee Flag Travels...



*Buddy and Carolyn Box, NG 49, had a great time in Costa Rica*



*David & Jeanne Collins, NS-19, travelling through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee and North Carolina.*



We are excited to announce a new event coming to Lake Cherokee this summer!

New Age Cinemas LLC will have their 20' movie screen and popcorn machine set up at Firecracker Park on Saturday, June

15th, Saturday, July 20th and Saturday, August 10th. You can watch the movie by land or water!

These events are FREE to shareholders and their guests ONLY!

### Saturday, June 15th

Approximate start time: 9:00 pm

#### **The Sandlot 1993**

Event sponsored by:  
RE/MAX First Choice  
[www.firstchoicelongview.com](http://www.firstchoicelongview.com)



### Saturday, July 20th

Approximate start time: 9:00 pm

#### **The Wizard of Oz 1939**

Event sponsored by:  
Cherokee Shores Real Estate Brokerage  
A Suzanne Cook Company  
[www.cherokeeshores.net](http://www.cherokeeshores.net)



### Saturday, August 10th

Approximate start time: 8:30 pm

#### **How to Train Your Dragon:**

#### **The Hidden World 2019**

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## FOOD TRUCK VENDORS @ Firecracker Park

Beginning Memorial Day Weekend, we have invited food trucks to set up at Firecracker Park every weekend until Labor Day Weekend.

As of April 22nd, this is the food truck vendor calendar:

### May 25-27

(Memorial Day Weekend)  
Food- C Rojo's Mobile Cuisine  
Dessert- Sweet Treats & More

### June 1-2

(Crappie Tournament)  
Food- C Rojo's Mobile Cuisine  
Dessert- JC Cones

### June 8-9

(Wet n Wild Boat Rally)  
Food- OPEN  
Dessert- TikiHut Snowballs

### June 15-16

(Outdoor Summer Movie Night)  
Food- OPEN  
Dessert- JC Cones

### June 22-23

Food- Street Licious  
Dessert- JC Cones

### June 29-30

Food- OPEN  
Dessert- JC Cones

### July 6-7

(Fourth of July Weekend)  
Food- Divine Catering & Restaurant  
Dessert- TikiHut Snowballs

### July 13-14

Food/Dessert- Sweet Treats & More

### July 20-21

(Outdoor Summer Movie Night)  
Food- Street Licious  
Dessert- JC Cones

### July 27-28

Food- C Rojo's Mobile Cuisine  
Dessert- JC Cones

### August 3-4

Food/Dessert- Sweet Treats & More

### August 10-11

(Outdoor Summer Movie Night)  
Food- OPEN  
Dessert- JC Cones

### August 17-18

Food- C Rojo's Mobile Cuisine  
Dessert- JC Cones

### August 24-25

Food- OPEN  
Dessert- JC Cones

### August 31-September 2

(Labor Day Weekend/Family Fun Fest)  
Food- C Rojo's Mobile Cuisine  
Dessert- TikiHut Snowballs

Lake Cherokee  
Preservation Club



Leisurely cruise Lake Cherokee to specific boathouses to win points for great prizes, and have fun and fellowship!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST, 1:00 PM-6:00 PM**

**REGISTRATION AT FIRECRACKER PARK**

**BOATHOUSES WILL CLOSE AT 4:30 PM**

- Entry fee: \$20.00, 12 years and younger \$5.00
- Open to all Lake Cherokee privilege card holders and guests and all types of watercraft
- Prizes for high score and low scoring participant. 2 bonus point draws available at each boathouse for \$1.00 each. Donations will benefit future projects of the Preservation Club
- Raffle tickets available for great prizes so bring cash. Remember, Lake Cherokee is a great cause!
- Games for all
- Silent Auction
- Hula Hoop Contest
- Begin and end at Firecracker Park (sign-in pavilion)
- May visit any boathouse in any order. Boathouses will close at 4:30 pm and all participants must return to Firecracker Park by 5:00 pm
- **Must be present to win any door prize or raffle prize.**
- Be courteous and practice safe boating. No prizes for speed! Go slow and have fun!
- Only non-cash prizes will be awarded. Entry fees are not tax deductible

**EVENT COMMITTEE (903) 643-8003 OR (903) 918-4601**

## Mark Your Calendars:

- |  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| • Boater Education Course                    | May 18, 2019       |
| • Wet n Wild Boat Rally                      | June 8, 2019       |
| • The Sandlot                                | June 15, 2019      |
| • Boat Parade                                | July 5, 2019       |
| • Fireworks Spectacular                      | July 5, 2019       |
| • The Wizard of Oz                           | July 20, 2019      |
| • How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World | August 10, 2019    |
| • Family Fun Fest                            | August 31, 2019    |
| • Kids Catfish Tournament                    | September 14, 2019 |
| • Fall Bass Tournament                       | October 19, 2019   |
| • Chili Fest                                 | October 26, 2019   |
| • Fall Cleanup                               | TBD                |

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# CWC Boaters.....

## Ten things that you may not know:

Mike Brady, Area Chief - TPWD

1. The minimum age to operate a boat in the State of Texas without Boater Education certification is currently age 25! Each year the minimum age goes up - it applies to anyone born on or after September 1, 1993.
2. The rear-view mirrors on your PWC may not meet the legal requirements to tow a skier! All mirrors must be at least 4" wide and 4" from top to bottom. Factory installed mirrors seldom satisfy the law! Of course, towing behind PWCs is not allowed on Lake Cherokee anyway.
3. Dim Dem Damn lights! Docking lights are not navigation lights. Although they are very useful when navigating the boat roads at night they should not be used while on open water. Docking lights can be blinding and could interfere with the other operator's ability to determine which way you are going, or worse - not being able to see other boats, or sometimes even you! Bright white lights are confusing when determining distance or source. This is especially true in heavy boat traffic (such as after July 4th fireworks). They are often confused with lights on shore as well. State law requires that no lights be displayed that could interfere with navigation lights.
4. Drain & Dry your live wells! State law requires that you take measures to remove harmful plants and animals from your boat and trailer before launching and before leaving a boat ramp! You can be cited for not draining your equipment, including the motor, and bilges. Even bait buckets are to be drained - on land!
5. Citations for 'Boating While Intoxicated' (BWI) are treated the same as DWI. It will be added to your driving record!
6. Paddle Boarders must have a PFD onboard! May as well wear it!
7. Inflatable PFD's may not be included in the required number of lifejackets onboard unless they are being 'worn'!
8. There are no speed limits on Texas lakes. However, law enforcement can issue citations for excessive speed or reckless operation - on their own discretion! CWC is a private lake and we do have speed limits! 40 mph on open water, and 20 mph in the main boat channels. These limits are reduced for night boating.
9. Most infractions regarding boating laws and rules on Lake Cherokee are from adults! It is not 'the kids' as we would normally assume.
10. You can take the Boater Education class at the CWC office which will be held on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Our class has been recognized by TPWD as one of, if not 'THE' best class offered in the State of Texas! Call Misty at the CWC office to sign-up!

### SUMMER HOURS BEGIN MAY 1

#### Fuel Center Hours (weather permitting)

#### Ethanol-Free

#### May-September

Tuesday-Friday 2:00-6:00

Saturday 8:00-6:00

Sunday 12:00-6:00

#### March-April

#### € October

Tuesday 2:00-6:00

Saturday 2:00-6:00

November-February

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#### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FUEL CENTER HOURS

Friday, May 24th- 2:00 pm-6:00 pm

Saturday, May 25th- 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Sunday, May 26th- Noon-6:00 pm

Monday, May 27th- 8:00 am-6:00 pm

In case of emergency, please  
call Patrol at (903) 643-7321.



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**National Safe Boating Week:  
May 18-24, 2019**



## Life Jacket Styles

Make sure it is the right fit: for you, the activity and the water conditions.  
Life jacket should be in good and serviceable condition, and properly stowed when not in use.



**Standup Paddleboarder**  
(Lightweight life jacket)



**Anglers**  
(Lightweight life jacket)



**Power Boater**  
(Inflatable or lightweight life jacket)

\*Inflatable life jackets are for those 16 years and older who are strong swimmers.

### Life Jacket Fit Facts

- U.S. Coast Guard-approved (check the label).
- Appropriate size and type for the intended wearer.
- A snug fit is a proper fit.
- Adult life jackets do not work for children.
- Do not buy a life jacket for a child to "grow into."
- Even life jackets for pets!

*Wearing a life jacket is not enough – make sure the straps, buckles or zippers are secure.*

## Reported Boating Accidents

### Most Common Vessels in Accidents\*

1. Open motorboats (46%)
2. Personal watercraft (18%)
3. Cabin motorboats (16%)
4. Other (20%)

### Top 5 Factors in Boating Accidents and Deaths\*

1. Operator inattention
2. Improper lookout
3. Operator inexperience
4. Machinery failure
5. Alcohol use



## Life Jackets Save Lives

**76%** of all fatal boating accident victims drowned.\*

Of these, **84.5%** were not wearing a life jacket.\*

## Boating Accidents and Fatalities Statistics\*

Accidents happen too fast to reach and put on a stowed life jacket. Always wear your life jacket.

\*The lowest number of boating fatalities on record was in 2013.



8 out of 10 people who died were not wearing a life jacket.



8 out of 10 people who drowned were not wearing a life jacket.



5 out of 10 people who died from trauma were not wearing a life jacket.





## Have the Right Life Jacket?

### Right Style

Be sure it's U.S. Coast Guard-approved and appropriate for the activity. (Check the label printed on the inside of the life jacket).



**Paddlers**  
(Inherently buoyant or hybrid)



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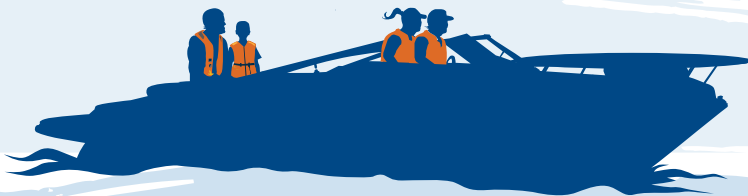
**Personal Water Crafts & Water Sports**  
(Inherently buoyant)



**Kids**  
(Adult life jackets don't fit kids)



**Pets**  
(Harness with lift handles)



### Right Fit

#### Snug fit and fastened.

- You don't want your life jacket too large or too small
- Inflatable life jackets only for those 16 years and older who are strong swimmers

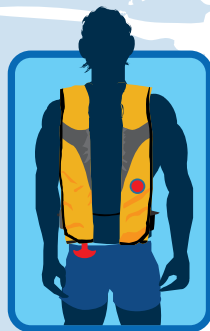


### Right Care

Refer to OWNER'S MANUAL and LABEL for specific maintenance requirements.

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- Use properly
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## DECALS

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## Lake Cherokee Wood Ducks

By Lynette Bagley



The wood duck shares its genus with the Asian Mandarin ducks. Their breeding habitat is wooded swamps, shallow lakes, marshes, ponds and creeks in North America. They love Lake Cherokee.

Nesting choices are cavities in trees close to water and nesting boxes if available. Females line their nests with feathers and other soft materials. We use wood shavings in our boxes to help out. Unlike most ducks the wood duck has sharp claws for perching in trees and can, in our area, produce 2 broods in a single season, the only North American duck that can do so.

Females typically lay between 7 to 15 eggs that incubate in about 30 days. If nesting boxes are close to each other, the females will share, a behavior known as "nest dumping. This isn't a good situation because as many as 30 eggs leads to unsuccessful incubation. But whatever mom is sitting on the eggs she will take care of the baby ducks.

We have gotten to see the babies leave the box one time. A group of males surrounded the box area and our boathouse. The female called to the babies from the water. She doesn't help them in anyway. Eventually, they braved the big leap to the water. One didn't move fast enough to suit the one behind him and he got a shove. Wings flapping he hit the water bouncing forward and he looked like a bathtub rubber ducky. Mr. Impatient came quickly behind him. When all were out of the box the mother gathered them close to her and off they went to some unknown place on the lake. The males stayed with her until

she left. No meal for the turtles that day.

If they nest in a tree they can be up 50 to 65 feet. Because the ducks weigh almost nothing, they float down so the jump doesn't hurt them.

Swimming is no problem after they hatch and they are able to find their own food, which is mainly berries, acorns, seeds, but also insects, making them omnivores. Our wood ducks live on the lake year round. Their attractive plumage makes them one of the most popular waterfowl on Lake Cherokee.

Like most of our wildlife they too have enemies. In the 19th century market hunting both for meat and plumage for the ladies' hat material in Europe resulted in a severe habitat loss. The U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 ended unregulated hunting and measures taken to protect remaining habitat made it possible for wood duck populations to rebound in 1920. The development of the artificial nesting box in 1930s gave an additional boost to wood duck production. For extra protection, guards help keep them safe from snakes and raccoons. Today fishing line and baits are threats to them. And if you decide to feed them, please, no bread.

These beautiful birds are one of my favorite subjects for my watercolor paintings. We watch for their arrival every spring. They are as exciting as our pelicans. We always hope to see the babies leave the nest even though such a treat is rare.


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We were thrilled to have Lori Tyson head up our program tonight. She surprised us all with some family history of the Cherokee tribe of which she and her family are members. She brought along some examples of the regalia that is worn during the yearly Pow Wow. She had made all the shawls (which she embroidered), the Tear Dress, the men's shirts and fans for the ladies. The embroidery depicted a variety of things like the person's Cherokee name, or spirit animal or a Jingle Dancer to name a few. She urged everyone to try to attend a Pow Wow in our area and take the grandkids.

She saved the best for last with her renditions of some of our favorite songs. Lori has the most unusual and outrageously beautiful

singing voice. If you have never heard her, you have been robbed of a special treat. From Blues to Gospel, she can sing it all and draw you into the story of the song. Especially touching was the song story she wrote for her good friends, Ken and Rose Walton. Rose was in tears by the time Lori was finished. Lori also sang a duet with her mom Jeanette Horton while her dad Harry proudly watched. We were pleased to have Harry and Jeanette Horton as our guests tonight.

Our lucky doors prize winners of beautiful hanging baskets were Jeanette Horton and Allan Franklin.

Next month we will be meeting on May 14th; our final meeting of the 2018-2019 session. Our Hosts/Hostesses will be Pete & Carol Staiti and Ron and Gayle Raif. Pete usually serves us a wonderful Italian dish. Come join us for dinner! To get your name in the headcount, please call Betty Heim at 903-643-7535.



Hostesses and Hosts: Debbie Hobson, Danny Coats, Barbara Coats, Bonnie Haynes, and Charles Haynes



Entertainment: Lori Tyson singing



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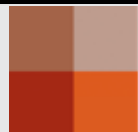
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James and Mary Nowak hosted the April Ladies Bridge Luncheon on April 10th at their Longview home. It is so exciting when James cooks for us; his food is always wonderful and this was no exception. James fried turkeys and the rest of us contributed sides and desserts - delicious! Thank you, thank you to Mary and James for the great lunch and wonderful hospitality!

After lunch, we settled into bridge play. We ended up with an even three tables and managed to fit in four rounds, despite the spirited conversation and laughter! Mary Nowak claimed High Scorer overall! Debbie Hobson ended up with the Deuce Prize! While the rest of us were not able to claim the fame or fortune, we all agreed that a good time was had by all!

If you wish to join us for bridge, we play every Wednesday at noon at the Lake Cherokee Library. Arrive a little early to allow for introductions and setup. We would be happy to have you join us! If you do not know how to play but would like to learn, we would like to help you do so. That is how I learned to play (and continue to learn to play)! I look forward to seeing you next Wednesday!



*Ready to begin play are standing: Fredna Harris, Joan Porter, Mary Nowak, NorVella Skarda, and Debbie Hobson. Seated are Wanda Wallace, Jeanne Collins, and Donna Knox.*



*Also on April 17th, Debbie Hobson, Joy Tate, and Linda Latham witness a third 150 point honors hand on a 4 spade bid, minutes after the earlier two 150 point honors hands. To have one 150 point honors hand in an afternoon is an event; three back to back occurrences is most unusual- and exciting!*



*On April 17th, Jeanne Collins, Donna Knox, Carol Ehl, and Betty Langston (all very experienced players) witness a most unusual event - back to back hands, 3 no trump bids, and 150 pts honors in each!*



*Host and Hostess James and Mary Nowak (also High Scorer for the Day!), Susan Deeds, and Deuce Prize Winner Debbie Hobson!*

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The April 13th String Tournament was rained out so has been rescheduled to April 27th. The results will be in the next chatter. ALSO, the May 18th Club Fund Raiser has been changed from May 18th to May 25th. This is a 2 Person Scramble. Anyone who has the ability to donate for the raffles or silent auction would greatly be appreciated.



The board would like to thank everyone who has paid the \$199.00 assessment fee. It will help the club through the rainy days where we don't get the open play players.

The Ladies Group meet every Tuesday. May tee times will be 9:00. These ladies have a great time together. Come join the fun.

The Saturday fun Bunch choose up plays every Saturday except when there is a

tournament. This is a great bunch of people and we encourage more people to come and play.

The Cherokee Country Golf Association holds its monthly meeting the 2nd Thursday of the month. Everyone is welcome to come and give us your thoughts on any improvements you would like to see and actually see what happens on the course during the month.

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Last month's third Thursday meeting of First Friends was held on March 21st at Val's Italian Restaurant in Kilgore at 210 E Main St. Lunch was delicious! Door prize winners were Jeanne Collins and Gail Fowler. Jeanne Collins was unable to stay for pictures.

This month's third Thursday meeting of First Friends was held on April 18th at the home of Gail Fowler. Lunch was delicious! Gail prepared chicken spaghetti, green beans, fruit salad, rolls, and cole slaw for lunch. Dessert was decorated cupcakes in two flavors. Her home was decorated in an Easter theme and so cute. There were games to play after our meal and there were many door prize winners. Everyone seemed to have a good time and enjoy themselves. Our meeting next month will be on Thursday May 16th. Jeanne Collins will be our hostess. More details will be emailed to everyone at the beginning of May.

We would love for you to join us. And feel free to bring a friend or neighbor if you would like. Call me at 480-208-2966 for more information. I hope to see you then,



**L to R Seated: Paula Burt, Judi Morgan, Doris Cummings, Susan Deeds, Carol Ehl  
Standing: Debbie Hobson, Ada Pool, Kathy Brown, Dottie Hannigan, Betty Heim, Jeanne Collins, Sharon Wilson, Carolyn Matter, Gail Fowler**



**L to R: Seated Paula Burt, Judi Morgan, Doris Cummings, Carol Ehl  
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[Howard Thurman](#)

I feel it in my fingers, I feel it in my toeeees....summer is here!! And the forecast for the 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt is “a fantastic day”! We will hide over 3500 eggs,

and expect more than a hundred participants, so bring your little bunnies out to play. This will be a past event by the time this is published in the Chatter, with the guidance of Janie Pope and Jane Wolven, we are certain of success...which is measured in how much fun everyone has at the event! We have the support of multitudes, and will play and cavort with games, face painting, and egg hunting. We will have a drawing table set up for artwork for entries in the Kid’s Art Contest and Photos for the Lake Cherokee calendar. We will be accepting entries until August 31st. Please send your entries to Judy Owens at judyo0622@aol.com. Keep your cameras ready.

We set our sights on the upcoming Wet and Wild on June 8th. Registration begins on

Firecracker Park at 11am, boat houses close at 3:30pm, prizes announced on Firecracker Park beginning at 4:00pm. Bart Owens is our captain steering us through the event. Last year we had 450 contestants, the rally gets bigger every year. If you would like to participate, please contact Bart Owens or Jane Wolven. The Boathouses are a blast, and the sponsors get more creative every year. Be sure to let them know how much fun you’re having and you appreciate their generosity. We accept donations for this event, the money goes to projects around the lake such as the new floating dock at Firecracker Park, the canvas cover for the sand-pile, the navigation lights along the boat rows, the Easter Egg Hunt, and the Family Fun Fest. There will be prizes for our winners and a raffle

for all the contestants. The boathouses will be open from 12:00 to 3:30pm, winners announced at Firecracker Park at the end of the rally. So, come out recreate and frolic on the water. Get your motors running!

The Preservation Club is a very active organization comprised of members that truly enjoy recreation on the lake. We sponsor events to keep our lake community united and entertained. If you would like to know more or join us in the fun, attend our next meeting on May 16th after the CWC board meeting or contact Jane Wolven at d.wolven@sbcglobal.net

Happy boating to all  
Jan Pelton, Secretary in absentia



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Fuel Center 12-6 Cinco De Mayo	6 Deadline to Submit Variance Requests National Nurses Day	7 Fuel Center 2-6	8 Fuel Center 2-6 Ladies Bridge	9 Fuel Center 2-6 Golf Course Board Mtg 6pm	10 Fuel Center 2-6	11 Fuel Center 8-6
12 Fuel Center 12-6 Mother's Day	13 Fishing Club 7pm	14 Fuel Center 2-6 Knife, Fork, & Trowel 6pm	15 Fuel Center 2-6 Chatter Deadline Ladies Bridge	16 Fuel Center 2-6 First Friends @ Noon CWC Board Meeting 6pm Preservation Club	17 Fuel Center 2-6	18 Boater Ed Course 8-5 Fuel Center 8-6 Armed Forces Day FULL MOON
19 Fuel Center 12-6	20	21 Fuel Center 2-6	22 Fuel Center 2-6 Ladies Bridge	23 Fuel Center 2-6	24 Fuel Center 2-6	25 Fuel Center 8-6
26 Fuel Center 12-6	27 Fuel Center 8-6 Memorial Day CWC Office Closed	28 Fuel Center 2-6 Night Bridge 6:30	29 Fuel Center 2-6 Ladies Bridge	30 Fuel Center 2-6	31 Fuel Center 2-6	

# JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Fuel Center 8-6
2 Fuel Center 12-6	3 NEW MOON	4 Fuel Center 2-6	5 Fuel Center 2-6 Ladies Bridge Luncheon	6 Fuel Center 2-6 D-Day	7 Fuel Center 2-6	8 Fuel Center 8-6 Wet N Wild Boat Rally
9 Fuel Center 12-6	10 Deadline to Submit Variance Requests Fishing Club 7pm	11 Fuel Center 2-6	12 Fuel Center 2-6 Ladies Bridge	13 Fuel Center 2-6 Golf Course Board Mg 6pm	14 Fuel Center 2-6 Flag Day Army Birthday	15 Fuel Center 8-6 The Sandlot
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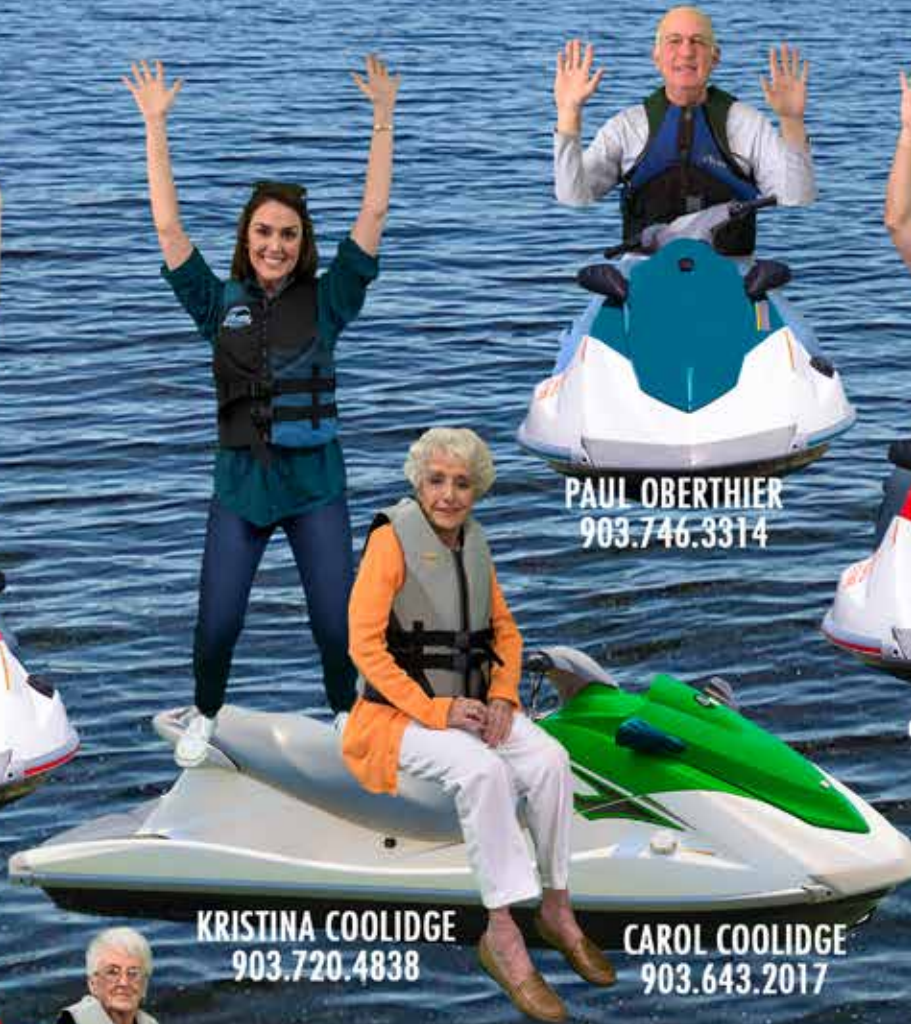
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