

Admirals Cove Beach Club Newsletter

May 2019



Happy spring! Isn't it nice to see the trees and flowers budding and blooming in our neighborhood! ACBC committees have been busy making plans for the upcoming spring and summer season, the nicest time of the year in Admirals Cove. As you read through this newsletter, if you see an area where you'd like to contribute, please contact that committee chairman. Contact information can be found on our website <http://acbc-whidbey.org>.

This is the first ACBC newsletter emailed to those who have agreed to view it this way. Ballots and other important documents will continue to be mailed to all members in good standing. For those who have received this newsletter via regular mail, if you would like to receive the newsletter via email, you can call to Branch Services, 360-678-7543 or go to the club website: <http://acbc-whidbey.org> then Members, Subscribe and Join. Email saves us printing costs, paper, envelopes and, most importantly, postage. Thank you.

Note: ACBC is looking for a volunteer Web Master to keep our existing website current. If you know a student or anyone interested in Information Technology who is looking to improve their resume, please contact Dennis Egan, ACBC President.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - TREASURER'S REPORT:

Thank you to all members who have made payments, which allow ACBC to operate, maintain and improve our club facilities. Over the course of 2019 members have steadily been paying their balances due, increasing every month the number of you in good standing. Your continued participation and support is always appreciated!

Members' dues may now be paid via credit card. For payment or questions regarding your ACBC account status you may contact Branch Business Services in-person at: 404 S. Main Street, Coupeville, via email at frontdesk@branchbusinessservices.com or telephone 360-678-7543.

Please visit our website at www.acbc-whidbey.org for financial reports, if you would like to know more about our club, or if you have other questions.

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

There were not enough members attending for a quorum. An advisory vote was held, with the vast majority of members present voting that the Board should actively pursue collection of outstanding accounts. The unpaid balance outstanding at yearend was \$241,854, the equivalent of nearly 1-1/2 years of dues. Concern was voiced by members over potential hardship due to collection activity, and the Board voiced assurances that payment plans are available and the Board would be compassionate in its efforts. Since the annual meeting, legal counsel has been engaged and the Board is initiating legal action beginning with the largest outstanding accounts.

COMMITTEES:

POOL COMMITTEE - We are looking forward to a full swim season and we are excited to announce that **swimming lessons** will be offered again! Everyone should know how to swim! The Camp Casey pool will be closed this year and ACBC is providing swim lessons for the public.

The swim season starts Memorial Day weekend, Friday, May 24th through Monday, May 27th with a free open swim on Sunday, May 26th only to coincide with the Memorial Day Potluck / BBQ. Also, that evening there will be an open swim from 10pm-11pm to experience our new underwater lighted pool.

Pool MAY be open between Memorial Day, May 26th and June 13th depending on good weather; watch for the fish flying on the flagpole at the pool. Normally, the pool opens when school is out. The pool will be open June 14th through September 2nd.

The Lions Club is sponsoring swim lessons that will be offered weekdays in two-week sessions starting June 24th and taught by ACBC certified lifeguards. One session will be 8-9 AM weekdays and one from 9-10 AM weekdays. The cost for ACBC members and families is \$25 per person per session and \$50 for others. **Contact Branch Services, 360-678-7543 to sign up;** request the session you desire.

Swim Lessons: weekdays 8-9AM or 9-10 AM in two-week sessions:

June 24-July 5	July 8-19	July 22-Aug 2	Aug 5-16	Aug 19-30
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Swim fees this season will be:

Family Pass \$150 Individual Pass \$75 Day Pass \$5 5-pass punch card \$20
10-pass punch card \$40 Associate Membership \$320

Pool Schedule weekdays

8-9 AM	Swim Lessons
9-10 AM	Swim lessons
10-11 AM	Adult Member Lap Swim
11-Noon	Lap swim / Exercise
Noon-7PM	Open Swim
7-8 PM	Adult Lap Swim

Weekends & 4th of July

10-11 AM	Adult Member Lap Swim
11-Noon	Lap Swim / Exercise
Noon-7PM	Open Swim
7-8PM	Adult Lap Swim
7-8 PM	Adult Lap Swim

The pool can be reserved for private parties from 6-8PM weekdays or 8-10AM weekends for \$250. If the pool is rented for a private function, the open swim will end at 6PM and the Adult Evening Lap Swim will be canceled. Pool reservations must be made 2 weeks before desired date, call Dennis Egan 206-229-0632 to reserve the pool.

Even though we will have free swims all day on the 4th of July and the Sunday before Labor Day (1 Sept) to coincide with the Potlucks / BBQs, **the daily schedule will still apply.** Also, Evening Swim from 10PM-11PM these days!

TELLERS COMMITTEE -*Responsible for the accurate count and certification of all ballots in any matter voted upon by the Club Membership in Good Standing when ballots are distributed. This includes but is not limited to elections, assessments, by-law revisions and surveys. The committee meets as required to count votes.*

Your Tellers Committee is ready for 2019. The committee currently plan no changes to the process used last year. Any BOD-directed tellers committee process changes will be communicated via the ACBC-website or newsletter. If any club member, regardless of status, requests a copy of the process, please let us know. Open communication for all members is a core value. Feedback is always welcome!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Summer is fast approaching and there will be a lot of activity taking place around our community.

There will be a barbeque and potluck on Sunday, May 26th from 12 noon to 3 pm. Condiments will be provided along with hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, fried chicken and Dennis' homemade root beer and ice cream. Bring your favorite dish to share with others. There will also be a barbeque/potluck for the 4th of July and on Sunday, September 1st (Labor Day weekend) from 12 noon to 3 pm.

We are planning a garage sale to coincide with Crockett Lake's garage sale in June or July; more details to come.

Join us for Tuesday morning coffee from 10 am to 12 noon each week. It's a good time to meet your neighbors and enjoy some treats! Mary Saurer, Chairperson

GROUNDS AND BUILDING COMMITTEE - A meeting was held in March to discuss upcoming projects that need to be done. We are always looking for volunteers for these projects. People with carpentry, repair, and grounds keeping skills are needed. The work party dates will be posted on the ACBC website, Facebook pages, and Next Door. Input for repairs, upgrades, is always appreciated!

Playground area: Needs to be cleaned and inspected. We want to upgrade the basketball posts/hoops. We're working on bids now.

Shelter building: We have a security camera system that needs to be installed. We've been asked about painting the exterior of the building, we will check if it's within the budget.

Grounds: A picnic table has been donated, another repaired. Almost all of the outside tables need to be refinished. We have three stand-alone BBQ's that need to be painted and installed. The parking lot has been graded. The ditch along lower Byrd will be cleaned during the next work party.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE- normally meets in August and then thereafter as necessary to consider and develop any proposed Bylaw changes to recommend to the Board for inclusion on the next ballot. Anyone interested in serving on this committee or with suggestions for Bylaws changes to be considered by the committee can contact Kurt Blankenship at his email: kblankenship@bluewilliams.com

LAKE COMMITTEE - The committee is developing a Vision Statement for Admirals Lake to submit to the Board for their consideration in June.

- Estimates for inserting a sleeve liner in the outfall pipe are being gathered. Once complete the committee recommends the Board include the costs in the 2020 budget and along with a clear explanation for the need, submit the expenditure to the Membership for approval in 2020.
- Potentially toxic algae blooms have occurred in the lake in recent years. Information is being gathered for costs to mitigate/prevent them in future years and should be available for Board review in June. The expense will likely be greater than the Board is permitted to authorize so Membership approval will be necessary.
- A Memorandum of Understanding to coordinate management of the lake with the Whidbey Camano Land Trust and potentially the local Conservation District is being developed to present to the Board for their consideration in the near future.
- In her study of the resident river otter, committee member H. Island reports that in addition to the otter at least two fish species currently live in the Lake – sculpin and stickleback.

CURIOUS ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY'S RIVER OTTER POPULATION?

Join your Admirals Cove neighbor, Dr. Heide Island at 4PM after our Potluck / BBQ on 26 May in the Shelter for her presentation. Dr. Heide Island, Professor of Comparative Animal Behavior and Neuroscience (Pacific University of Oregon), will make a presentation about our community's North American River Otters. Heide will discuss her ongoing research around Admiralty Bay and Admirals Lake. She will explain how to identify individual otters, their foraging strategies, seasonal prey, den sites, and how you might participate as citizen scientists.

