

Wow, its 2017 and what an exciting year this is going to be!

As everyone can see, we have a new style decal. This decal goes on the outside of the back window so they can be easily seen without having to look through the darker tinted back window. Remember when you go to the lake you must have the decal in the rear window and your membership card on you. That way we know who are members and belongs in the lot.

We are going to be trying a couple of new tournaments this year. First, we are going to be having a husband / wife or girlfriend tournament. It will be a team tournament with husbands and wives fishing together. It will be held on 24 June, the free fishing weekend so the wives that normally don't fish will not need to get fishing licenses. There will be a cookout after the tournament. There is a challenge to see who can cook the best ribs and D.J. Malm has challenged me to a rib contest!! So, there will be some goooooood eating there. The club will be providing most everything. We would like for some people to bring some desserts. Please let Andy Tanner or myself know who is planning to attend so we can have enough for everyone to have a rib or two. Second, we will be doing a Mystery Tackle Box Tournament. This is where you will be given a box with approximately 5 lures in the box and that will be all the tackle that you can use, nothing from your normal tackle. This should be fun and a way to get people to try something new.

There is some work that needs to be done on the pavilion. We are going to reset some of the foundation blocks on the pavilion that have sifted or sank, so we can have a secure pavilion for many years to come. We will be adding more gravel to the lot and build up the center row. It's going to be a busy day. **The work day has been updated to 15 April @ 9 A. M.**

The 2017 tournament schedule has been completed. There are 14 tournaments this year. So, there are plenty of opportunities to join in the fun. The schedule is on the other side of this newsletter. Family day will be held on 30 July this year. I always have a fun time watching the children bring their catch up to be weighed in. The look on their faces is worth a million bucks. There are always enough prizes for the kids. Who knows we may have another Kevin Van Dam, Scot Martin or Shaw Grigsby in our young competitors. So, come and join in on the fun.

Chuck Conner's asked: If you are 65 years old and have 20 years as a member, get in touch to see if you are qualified to become an Honorary Member. His phone # is 845-883-6870. If you want to receive our membership badges you must come to a meeting to receive them. The badges cannot be mailed.