

June 2011



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



Croquet Tournament, July 17th, 12:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M.

President's Report . . .

Summer has arrived and the LIC summer activities are ready to launch. In this issue you will find more information on events like the Croquet Tournament, the Salmon Bake, Beyond the Borders, possibly a swap meet, Marina events, and more. I encourage you all to participate.

Welcome new and returning Board members. I look forward to working with all of you. On behalf of all the LIC members, I want to thank the outgoing members for their participation on the Board during one of the more trying times for the LIC.

Membership is still trending up. Many thanks to Jan Pritchard and please give your continuing support to CC Williams. Thanks to Gayle Brewer for his excellent work in getting interesting speakers.

Transient moorage is still lagging this year. Please get the word out to the boating public in any way you can that the Marina is open for business for summer fun and relaxation. Volunteers are still needed for chores at the Marina. Contact Randy Babich or Denny Pritchard for details.

Thanks to all who have spent so many hours on the LIC Building and grounds. This is the best we have looked in many years.

The LIC Board will meet in a special meeting on Wed. June 29th at 7 PM in the LIC Clubhouse to discuss and, possibly, decide on the floating restroom and pumpout grant. We still have not been able to meet the conditions set by the general membership, which are (1) 100% reimbursement of capital costs and (2) transferring the risk of failure to complete on time to Marine Floats.

I'm looking to Keyfest, the Key Pen Fair, taking place at Volunteer Park on July 9 & 10. I will be delivering chairs and tables and need some help, so give me a call or email me if you can help.

Submitted by Geoff Baillie President LIC, 884.3951, gbaillie@msn.com

LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES June 15, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Geoff Baillie, Kurt Anderson, Francie Carr, Pat Muchmore, Lynn Carr, Sandy Black, Jan Prichard, Phil Johnson, Peg Bingham

NEW MEMBERS: William Buckner, Russ and Laura Anderson

GUEST: Conner Larken Baillie

Meeting called to order by President Geoff Baillie at 7:20 p.m.

As this is the annual Board BBQ for the General Membership tonight's meeting will be short with the main business being the election of a new Board.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Francie Carr reported as of May 31st the LIC has a net profit of \$32,700. Building income is up, moorage payments have been timely and building and marina expenses have been less than budgeted. We are continuing to make \$2,500 payments against our bank loan for the wharf.

The Dock Breakfast made a profit of \$329 – thanks to all.

The Memorial Day Dance had a profit of \$3,483 – thanks to Sandy for his organization.

The audit has been completed and thanks to Rich Hildahl for the review. The 2010 tax return has been filed and the checking account has a total of \$82,826.

Geoff reported that Rich commended Francie for her work this past year.

Events: Sandy Black is looking for volunteers for the upcoming events. Contact him if you can help at Beyond the Borders and the Croquet Tournament. He thanked all the people who worked at the Memorial Day Dance for their hard work. It was a very successful evening.

Peg Bingham asked for volunteers to take the test to get a Food Worker Card. The test can be taken on-line at: www.foodworkercard.wa.gov The cost is \$10 and the LIC will reimburse you for it. We have a number of events coming up and the kitchen staff could use some help. We would like to have enough workers to rotate in and out during the event so everyone has some breaks. The test is easy, mainly common sense and washing hands and wearing gloves. They are big on washing hands and wearing gloves.

Vice President: Kurt Anderson announced that he had cups and hats for sale tonight and Nancy Carr had sample fleeces for members to see and place orders.

Membership: Jan Prichard thanked the tonight's hostesses, Cyndi Black, Karen Johnson and Barb Copley. She announced that at present we have 103 memberships with 179 members.

Dock: Pat Muchmore announced that Jeff Barney from Citizens for a Healthy Bay will offer free pump-outs at the marina on July 16th & 17th. The organization has received a grant to do the work. Bring your boat into the marina and have it done. It is open to all boaters.

A wireless camera has been purchased to be added to the existing system. If it works as hoped additional ones will be purchased to completely cover the marina and the parking lot. Bruce Jeglum is back in town and plans to finish the work on the wharf entrance. Volunteers are still needed to do maintenance work at the marina. If you need hours contact Pat.

All the slips are currently filled.

Dave Wickland gave a report on the Pump-out and Floating Restrooms. He is still working on the agreement with the State and with the contractor (Marine Floats). All work must be completed by December 15, 2011 or the LIC will lose 25% of the funds awarded to the LIC which is approximately forty thousand dollars. If it is completed by this date the State will pay 100% of the cost. We are asking Marine Floats to give us a turnkey deal. We have, but have not signed, the contract for the project from the State. We have a proposal from Marine Floats and they are not interested in guaranteeing the finish-by-date. The County suggested we install a holding tank in the parking lot as one of the permitting agencies said that it would speed up the permitting process. The County owns the parking area but they will permit a tank to be installed in the parking lot. Dave must know the requirements for the tank before he can go for bids from contractors.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES (continued from page 2)

Dave has asked the State if we could amend the grant to include the cost of the tank in the parking lot. Although the grant money is all spoken for there is a possibility it could be done. The State has given the LIC until the week of June 27th to accept or refuse the grant. Many permits are required from various agencies, just as they were for the wharf, and they could take many weeks or months to obtain. Marine Floats is working to get an exempt status for this project which could expedite the permitting process and the installation could be done by the December 15 deadline.

The Board scheduled a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 29th to learn the status of the negotiations. The grant will be discussed and a decision will be made on whether to accept the grant and sign the contracts with the State and Marine Floats.

Nominating Committee: Joe Barrow announced that his committee of Connie Hildahl, John Biggs, Marlies Van Cise and Denise Hays placed the following names in nomination.

Two year terms:

President:	Geoff Baillie
Treasurer:	Francie Carr
Membership:	C.C. Williams
Dock:	Randy Babich

One year terms:

Vice President:	Kurt Anderson
Secretary:	Jan Prichard
Events:	Sandy Black
Building:	Sharon Gearhart

A motion was made and seconded to accept both slates by acclamation. Motion carried.

President: Geoff Baillie said he was looking forward to working with the new Board. The LIC has been reactive the last few years and we now need to be proactive and that will take lots of help from the membership.

Geoff asked for acknowledgement of the hard work of the past officers and chairs.

Jan Prichard announced the Key Peninsula Historical Society will hold a fundraiser at Faraway on Saturday, August 6th at 5:30 p.m. There will be a sunset buffet dinner and silent auction. Tickets are \$75 a person and if you would like to receive an invitation please contact Jan. There are a limited number of invitations.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Bingham, Secretary

Building and Grounds...

This month we had the old oil tank decommissioned and filled with concrete, completing the last of the tasks for the new furnace.

I want to thank all the guys that helped mow grass and the girls that helped with the flower beds. The LIC is really looking good!

Thanks to everyone who has helped the last couple of years, whenever I've called. I can't name everyone, but please know you are appreciated. This job cannot be done without volunteers. Now you will hear Sharon's voice instead of mine! Good luck and have fun, Sharon.

Lynn Carr (retiring) Building and Grounds Chair (but volunteer grass mower)

A quick word from the Building and Grounds Chair, elect:

Although it is not yet time for me to assume the duties of building chair I would like to express my gratitude to you all for entrusting the care of our wonderful old building to me for the next year. The clubhouse has a special place in my heart and I feel privileged and honored to be its caretaker for a short while. Having said that, I think that Lynn Carr did a stellar job as building chair for the past several years and I will seek his sage advice in times of question or confusion. He was faced with a number of huge challenges to include clean up after the vandalism of last year and replacing the old fuel oil furnace just to name a few of the myriad jobs he did. He accomplished these with efficiency and a minimum of grumbling (OK maybe a little grumbling). Thank you my friend. He will continue to work on finishing a few other jobs that he has in progress and I hope digging me out of any holes that I might fall into. I would also like to personally thank Bill Lloyd, Lynn Carr and those other members (whose names I do not have-but you know who you are) for keeping the grounds mowed and neat this year, it makes the building shine. Steve Stemhagen has taken on a number of projects in the kitchen to include mouse patrol much to Peg Bingham's delight. Thank you so much Steve. Sandy Black has proved himself to be an electrical genius and I hope to occasionally tap his expertise. Last but not least a huge thank you to Cindy Black for volunteering to take on the project of organizing the store room. She accomplished a magical amount of work in just an hour or so on the night of the club meeting. Thanks Cindy. I can't wait for you to take on the other half of the room. Anyone who has a burning itch to assist with the building and grounds or has suggestions for improvements or changes please contact Lynn Carr or Sharon Gearhart. Again thank you all for the opportunity to serve you and the Longbranch Improvement Club.

Sharon Gearhart

Marina Committee Report.....

It seems strange to be writing what I keep reminding myself is my last Report for our Newsletter. It has been an interesting journey over the past three years in various positions on our Board of Directors. I so appreciate all the sincere and hard work they do to live up to the expectations of their positions and that they are constantly guided by decisions based on our Mission: For the Betterment of the Community. You have every reason to be proud of them and, as I told them at my final Board Meeting, I am so appreciative of all their support and advisement.

When you look back one year ago as far as the Marina is concerned, it is absolutely amazing how much has been accomplished in a very short time. These changes don't just happen; they are the results of many who preceded us like Dave Wickland and Harry Faas. The work that Lynn Carr did and continues to do for our magnificent flag pole and soon new gangway have improved not only the beauty of the Marina, but have made it a safer place. What in the world would we have done if Geoff Bailey hadn't been so involved in the accomplishment of the removal of the old Wharf and the installation of our new one! There is one other person whom I would like to thank for all his counsel and advisement, and that is Phil Johnson, our Trustee-at-Large. Phil's background as an attorney and his vast experience has been instrumental in keeping our policies, adoption of the By-Laws in Rules and Regulations, and he has been extremely helpful to me when trying to make our Marina Rules and Regulation more readable and to the point.

There is always more to be done and that too, will be accomplished. We have new members on the Marina Committee who have taken over responsibilities and we now have a new Marina Chair, Randy Babich, who will continue to making our Marina one of the favorite destinations for boaters in the South Sound as well as our community, neighbors and LIC Members. One of the most relaxing and rewarding experiences for me, is to visit the Marina enjoy the breathtaking beauty of Filucy Bay and Mt. Rainier (now that we can see it with better weather), visit with whomever is there and just share time together and experiences. That is open to all of us; you don't have to be a boater to go down and enjoy it as summer is finally making it to our end of the Peninsula!

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being part of The Longbranch Improvement Club, sharing in all the wonderful activities and I do want you to know that I shall continue to enjoy the Marina, the Club House, our Events and look forward to the continued improvement of the LIC.

Sincerely,
Pat Muchmore, Marina Chair
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Join the Fun!!

The LIC kitchen crew is looking for new volunteers with Food Handler's cards. The card can be obtained online at www.foodworkercard.wa.gov. The \$10 fee will be reimbursed by the LIC. Join the fun with the kitchen crew at many upcoming LIC events.

Cups, Caps, Jackets, Vests

There are Longbranch Improvement Club and Longbranch Marina branded coffee cups, hats, jackets and vests available from Kurt Anderson (for the Cups and Caps) and Nancy Carr (for the fleece jackets and vests). Please contact:

Kurt Anderson, 253-350-0309, hound356@gmail.com

Nancy Carr, 884-1384, ncarr44@centurytel.net

Mustard Seed Regatta

After the wonderful gourmet dock breakfast, we started the big sailboat race with a flourish. Capt. Babich started the race from Paragon with flags waving and horns blaring. We raced to Nisqually Flats and back with great wind and a crisp clear sunny day. We were all finished before 3PM.

We had two classes for this race; our usual non-spinnaker class and a new spinnaker class. The winner of the Spinnaker class was our famous Longbranch master sailor Gene Brown on Mystic. Sandy Black placed second on Helicity with Denny Prichard on Photo Finish. Way to go Team Prichard. The winner of the non-spinnaker class was Bruce Jeglum on Sargasso, second overall, almost beating Gene in the faster class. Bruce was followed by the silly Team Thompson on Lavender Bleu and Virgil Iverson on Guds Fred.

We all had such a wonderful day. We made a small contribution to Mustard Seed and the Lippert's contributed the starting flags to the LIC for future races. WOW, what fun!

Thanks, Pat

(Editors note....Pat Thompson submitted this article last month and it was inadvertently omitted. My sincere apologies to Pat and everyone in the Regatta.)

Upcoming Events!!

July 4—Independence Day

July 9, 10—KeyFest at Volunteer Park

July 17—Croquet Tournament, LIC, 12:00 Noon—6:00 P.M.

July 20—General Membership Dessert Meeting, 7:00 P.M

July 22—Hammock day (relax and enjoy)

July 23—LCC Salmon Bake 2:00-6:00 P.M.



LIC Membership Report

**Mark your
calendars for the
July
General
Membership
Dessert Meeting,
Wed., July 20th
at 7:00 p.m.
Look for
Upcoming
Events.**

We had a grand turnout at our Member B-B-Q in June, and once again everyone outdid themselves with all the dishes brought from home. Many thanks to: Lynn Carr and Denny Prichard for grilling up all those hotdogs, frankfurters and garden burgers; the Board for setting up; CC Williams for "manning" the sign-in table; and Barb Copley, Karen Anderson, Peg Bingham, Sharon Gearhart and Cindy Black for kitchen work and hostessing. Great job everyone!

We need one more host or hostess for the July dessert meeting to work with Pat and Ruth Thompson. Please contact me or CC Williams, our new membership chair if you can help out in July or at any future meetings.

We are happy to welcome the following new members:

Bert and Christie Saywers
William Buckner
Russ and Laura Anderson

There's lots going on this month.
Check out the calendar!

Happy Summer,

Jan Prichard, out-going
Membership Chair
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CC Williams, in-coming
Membership Chair
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SECOND ANNUAL LONGBRANCH COMMUNITY

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Sunday July 17
Noon to 6:30
LIC Field

Prizes for best theme, spirit,
costumes, strokes, scores.
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Team signup 884-5733
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