August 2012



# Longbranch Improvement Club

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Wine Tasting, Aug 11, Pot Luck Meeting Aug 15

# **President's Report**

Congratulations to all who participated in what was by all accounts a highly successful Croquet Tournament. More details are contained in this newsletter, and the list of volunteers is too long to include in my report. However, a special thank you goes out to Tim Heitzman, who has mastered the art of volunteer organization and event planning and management. A good time was had by all, not the least of which was due to Jeff Tritt's Master of Ceremonies wit, Lori Deacon's marathon bartending, and the unabashed creativity of so many croquet players. While final numbers are not available for my report, suffice it to say that we went a long way in re-establishing the once formidable relationship between the Vaughn Civic Center organization and the Longbranch Improvement Club. We want to strengthen the ties between the organizations even more, so please provide Tim or me (or any LIC Board member) with suggestions.

Summer is struggling to establish itself, but that hasn't deterred the LIC from planning and carrying out more events. The wine tastings at the Marina are gaining in popularity, and many events are coming up, which will need volunteers and participants. Please see the articles in this newsletter for details.

Please note that a slight change in the LIC By Laws that allows for the Board to establish an hourly rate for deficient volunteer hours for those with slips at the marina. The jist of the change is that, under extenuating circumstances, the Board can accept payment in lieu of volunteer hours. The full by law change can be found in this newsletter.

This is another lean year financially for the LIC, so please get your requests for LIC sponsored events to a Board member, as budget planning will be starting soon. Some events may not be able to be sponsored.

Last, please plan on helping out and attending the Labor Day Weekend Dance, which will be held on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Mojo Overload returns to rock the LIC Clubhouse, as they did for the Memorial Day Weekend Dance in 2011.

Geoff Baillie, President gbaillie@msn.com

Croquet Tournament Trophies

Photo: Betty Lewis



## LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES July 18, 2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: GEOFF BAILLIE, GAYLE BREWER, PHIL JOHNSON, TIM HEITZMAN, DOUG LEWIS, FRANCIE CARR, CC WILLIAMS, PEG BINGHAM

New members: Rick Miller, Mark Bielke

Guests: Melissa Erickson, her brother and Conner Baillie

Meeting called to order at 7:24 p.m.

Agenda was presented. Sunshine Lady's report was moved to #3. Agenda approved as changed.

No speaker tonight.

## **REPORTS**

<u>SUNSHINE LADY, VICKIE BIGGS:</u> Vickie reported that flower bouquets were sent to Marlies Van Cise, Theresa Gano and Lindsey Babich. Vickie also reminded the members that if anyone knows of any members who needs flowers, cards or just phone calls, let her know. Best way to contact her is e-mail.

RENTAL AGENT, SHARON GEARHART: No report. Sharon not present.

DOCK MASTER, LYNN CARR: Lynn reported it had been an interesting week.

We do not usually have visiting boats on Monday or Tuesday. Monday we had four, Tuesday we had eight. Lynn said we ended up with forty four boats from Sunday to Sunday. It was a ghost town today. Health Department inspected the marina a couple weeks ago. Lynn e-mailed the report to the Board, if anyone is interested in reading it he has copies available. Lynn has the Navy Bremerton Yacht Club coming in this coming weekend. He is looking for help to do some work at the marina when the weather is better. Lynn was asked if the Health Department was happy and he said yes. Craig McDaniels, who worked on boats at the marina last year, was killed in an accident in California. Lynn is working on getting his derelict boat removed from the bay. He took family members out to the boat to remove personal effects. Hopefully the boat will be gone by the end of next week.

Lynn thanked Geoff for lending him his boat to take Sara Van Geldrun from the County out to collect soil samples, etc. from the bay. Lynn Larson explained that the County has a grant to do an archeological survey of Filucy Bay. This is the third time they have taken archeologists out. So many landowners agreed to let them on their property that they had to go back to the County for more money to complete the survey. They found many new sites on the bay. They found nine in 1949, three around 1985 and again in 2000. They usually do not get a chance to examine private property so this was fantastic.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

<u>SECRETARY, PEG BINGHAM:</u> Peg asked to have the minutes of the last meeting approved. Motion to approve was made, seconded and approved.

Peg then read a thank you note from Theresa Gano.

TREASURER, FRANCIE CARR: Francie said copies of the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet are on the tables. Expenses for the building and marina are below budget. Rental income from the building and the marina is also slightly below budget. Capital budget shows that improvements for the building are below budget, but that is because we paid for the new stove in 2011, but that helped us pay for the new electrical vault that we had to install which was unexpected and not budgeted. There is no capital expenditure for the marina but we did pay \$3138 for new wiring at the dock. Third quarter moorage is due the end of July for those paying quarterly.

MEMBERSHIP, CC WILLIAMS: CC said thank you to tonight's kitchen crew, Lynn Lloyd and Jan Prichard. Currently there are 162 members and 141 memberships. The drawing tonight made \$52 for the scholarship fund. Winners of tonight's drawing were Connie Hildahl and Mike Runyon.

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# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES July 18, 2012

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<u>DOCK COMMITTEE</u>, <u>DENNY PRICHARD</u> (FOR RANDY BABICH): Denny announced the "Wifi" is now working. There is an issue with one of the security cameras that will be fixed. Geoff announced that boat houses will have an interior and electrical inspection. Those found to not be up to code will have power turned off until repaired. Dave Dahl and Michael Xu have their boat houses for sale.

AT-.LARGE TRUSTEE, PHIL JOHNSON: No report.

EVENTS, TIM HEITZMAN: The LIC had a booth at the Key Fest and it was a sunny day. Tim thanked Carolyn Wiley, Jan and Denny Prichard and Lynn and Bill Lloyd for helping to staff the booth. Mike Price, a fireman, signed up as a new member. The Croquet Tournament is this coming Sunday afternoon. Come and join in the fun. Lynn Lloyd has agreed to chair the Volunteer Procurement Committee. The Labor Day Dance with Mojo Overload is on the calendar for September 1<sup>st</sup> and volunteers are needed. We are also planning a really great fall full of events including the Halloween Dance (get your costumes ready). Kurt Anderson made an announcement about the power boat trip over to Steilacoom for breakfast on Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 6. Once out of the bay it is about a twenty minute trip. Let him know if you are planning to join the group. Tim reminded everyone about the wine tasting at the marina this coming Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. The Blend Wine Shop brings a collection of red and white wines. For six dollars you can taste four wines or have one large glass of one wine.

Peg Bingham asked for more members to obtain Food Handler's Cards to help staff the increased number of upcoming events serving food. It can be done online and the LIC will reimburse the \$10 fee.

Norma Larson announced that the Longbranch Church is using the LIC for a Bluegrass Festival on Saturday, July  $28^{th}$  from 2-6. There will be a silent auction and food available. Everyone is welcome. Entry is free and they will sell script for food.

VICE PRESIDENT, GAYLE BREWER: No report.

PRESIDENT, GEOFF BAILLIE: No report

<u>HISTORIAN/SCHOLARSHIP, LYNN LARSON:</u> Lynn presented and passed around thank you notes from this years scholarship winners. As Historian she thanked the members who have sent her pictures and asked previous Board members to check to see if they have any old documents, etc. at home and to bring them to the club for inclusion in the archives.

<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u> Phil Johnson presented the By-Law revision for the second reading. A discussion followed regarding the changes. A motion was made to approve the revision as written. The motion was seconded and voted. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS, DOUG LEWIS: Doug thanked Bill Lloyd for helping him mow the grounds today in preparation for the Croquet Tournament. He also asked that members not leave items at the LIC because you think they could be used. Please ask a Board member if something would be useful and it can be discussed with Doug for a decision. Things have been appearing at the back of the building which can create a fire hazard and make mowing difficult. Doug and Sharon took care of replacing and repairing a few items that the Fire Marshall had pointed out to them. If you have any ideas or requests for improvement of the building or grounds, please let Doug know. There is not a large amount of money available but things might be able to be worked out to accomplish the project. Judy Riggs said the there should be recognition of work done on the flower beds. The Brewers and Jan Prichard were thanked.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted. Peg Bingham, Secretary

NOTE: The text of the revised by-laws is posted on the LIC website, <a href="http://www.longbranchimprovementclub.org/">http://www.longbranchimprovementclub.org/</a>.

# LIC Clubhouse, Thursday Aug 2, 7pm

Events happening
Croquet recap
Labor Day Dance
Trunk or Treat
Fiber Arts

Upcoming
Christmas concert/Library
November 18 opportunity
Kids n Christmas

Ongoing 2013 plans and budget Your ideas and topics

We'll keep it short and sweet, you'll be home by 9

# RECRUITING FOOD HANDLERS

The LIC is embarking on an ambitious program of events in the coming months, a number of which will have food service. While we have a good core of volunteers with Food Handler Cards it would be helpful to have additional card holders. I do not want to burn out the volunteers we have by asking too much and too often. The test can be taken online at www.tpchd.org . There is a \$10 fee reimbursed by the LIC. We have fun doing the work and are more than happy to arrange shifts and time spent at an event with each volunteer's wishes. Come join us.

# UPCOMING Events -

Wed. Aug 1—Marina Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm

Thu. Aug 2 —Events Planning, LIC Clubhouse, 6:30 pm

Sat. Aug 11—Wine Tasting at the Marina, 4:00—6:00 pm

Mon. Aug 13-Wed, Aug 15—Cheryl Samuel Weaving,, Longrbranch Fire Station

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Wed. Aug 15—General Meeting, Pot Luck, LIC Clubhouse 6:30 pm

Fri. Aug 17-Sun, Aug 19—Cheryl Samuel Weaving, Longbranch Fire Station

Sat, Aug 18—Old Timer's Day, LIC Clubhouse, 9:00 am —5:00 pm

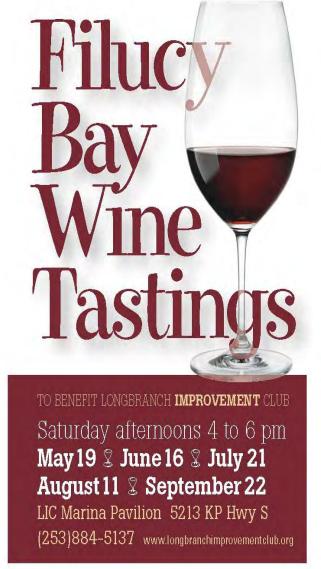
Sat. Aug 18—Wash State Forest Owners field day, Maytown, WA (about 10 miles south of Olympia)
More info on workshops, classes, cost at http://extension.wsu.edu/forestry/
Brochure on website, right-hand side of pate under 'Events'.

Sat. Aug 25 — KPHS Fundraising Old Fashioned Picnic, 4:00 pm, Leenstra's Barn

Thu, Aug 30—National Marshmallow Tasting Day

Member ads are now in the Classifieds section on the last page.

# SUMMER FUN AT LONGBRANCH MARINA





Tying up in Steilacoom for Breakfast.

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# **Marina Wine Tasting**

It isn't about making more money, it isn't confined to just the boating world or LIC boating members; as a matter of fact it isn't just for LIC Members. The Wine Tastings held at the Marina are for EVERYONE; friends, family, neighbors, LI C Members, boaters that show up in guest moorage at the Marina, etc. This past July 21st we had our third of five Wine Tastings and, as far as I am concerned, it was the most successful. We had about 32 people attend and it was a very mixed group. Younger folks (legal age, however), some who were not quite so young, boaters who heard about the Wine Tasting and decided to stay another day in order to share and enjoy it, members and non members. They all sat around enjoying the beauty of our Filucy Bay, Mt. Rainier, each other and were all mixed in together; ie, young folks sitting next to some not as young folks, members sitting with non members, boaters sitting with all of them. And, of course, we had some wonderful and tasty wines by Jeff Minch from the Blend Wine Store in Key Center. Also, a big thank you to Sharon Gearhart for serving the cheeses. She received quite a few compliments on the variety and how well they went with and complimented the wines.

Two of the boaters (whose group left Saturday morning) decided to stay for an extra day when they heard we were having the Tasting. The husband of one of the boating group called his wife over so she could schedule a date when their Yacht Club could come as long as Jeff could be there to do the Tasting. They will call and we'll set it up as an extra event.

My personal wish has always been to have these Tastings in order to give everyone possible a chance to enjoy the beauty of the Marina and it's surroundings and I feel that this was accomplished last Saturday. I want to thank everyone who attended any of them, and strongly encourage the rest of you to come on down and bring a friend, relative, neighbor or whomever you would like to spend some quality time with and in a great setting. Hope to see you at our next ones on Saturday, August 11th and the final one of the Season on Saturday, September 22nd.

Pat Muchmore Marina Committee Member

# What's happening to the LIC Forest?

Lately you may have noticed a lot of the green leaves in the LIC forest are slowly turning brown, epically just north of the clubhouse. If viewed from the road as you quickly drive by, it can easily look like many of our trees are dying. But, in fact, just the opposite is taking place, for much of our forest is getting a new lease on life. Over the years ivy vines have grown up the trunks of most of the trees in our forest. The ivy on many of the trees adjacent to the walking trail has been trimmed back over the years, but the ivy on the vast majority of the trees away from the trail has never been trimmed. A number of trees have died because of the effect of the ivy, and others have blown over in windstorms due to the added weight and wind resistance.

Starting three months ago, the Longbranch Improvement Club Ivy Eradication Squad (LICIES) started cutting the ivy vines on the trees that are located away from the walking trail. To date 66 trees have been released from the death grip of the ivy. Some of the larger trees had more than 100 separate vines growing up their trunks. Most of the vines were small to medium in size, but some were larger around than the average person's upper leg. According to the LICIES, there are about 200 trees and a year's worth of cutting and sawing left to go. Eventually our forest will again turn green, and many trees that would have otherwise died will be saved. In the meantime, expect to see a wave of dying ivy leaves progressing across our forest. – If you would like to take an active part in helping the LICIES to attack the ivy, contact Kurt Anderson at 253 350-0309 or <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.com">https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.com</a>. – Also, look for a display of some of the larger vines at one of our upcoming general meetings. Kurt Anderson

## Announcement.....

The McFarlane's are moving away from Taylor Bay and Key Peninsula soon. Because of this, Bob has to resign as Chair of the Adopt-A-Road committee. He will be glad to outline the duties and procedures of this position to the wonderful person to volunteer for this position.

Bob says he will miss being an active part of LIC, the fun with the 'treasure hunters', the many friends here and being close to the marina. Many thanks to Bob for the job he has done with the Adopt-A-Road committee, and being part of the LIC.

Please let a Board Member know if you would like to volunteer for this position.

# **Dockmaster Report:**

The Navy Yacht Club of Everett visited the Marina this month. We didn't have too many clubs, but the transient moorage was very high. We have some wonderful repeaters, too, that are great fans of our Marina.

Lynn Carr Dockmaster



Steilacoom Ferry Terminal where LIC Powerboat Outing Group moored for Breakfast. Photo: N. Carr

# The LIC Powerboat Outing

About 9:00 AM, on Tuesday morning, July 24, 18 intrepid LIC adventurers boarded 5 boats and headed east for the 25 minute ride to Steilacoom. After mooring at the Steilacoom Public Dock, we made the 10 minute walk up the hill to the former Bair Drug and Hardware (currently Bair Bistro and Museum). After settling in at our previously reserved group table and placing our orders, the stories, laughter, and good conversation began to flow. The only interruption was the arrival of the meals, which in every case caused a series of oohs and aahs, and a few minor rounds of applause. We had truly great meals, great service, and a great time. The meals were so good that when we had all finished, we asked if the two cooks could come out of the kitchen so that we could give them a round of applause. They did, and we did! And just as we were getting ready to leave, the owner came over and jokingly asked one of our organizers if our group would be willing to come back and demonstrate to all the other large groups that they host how to really have a good time. I guess it was just that obvious!! --When it was all said and done, we had great weather, two fun boat rides, a really enjoyable time at Bair Bistro, and the development of genuine friendships, both old and new.



Breakfast at Bair Drug and Hardware



Fist LIC Powerboat Outing Participants



Pictures by B. Lewis & N. Carr

Heading Home

# **Croquet tournament Snack Shack Report:**

This is a brief report to let you all know how successful the kitchen was at the Croquet Tournament. Thanks to Peg Bingham, Barbara Floyd, Barb VanBogart, Doug Lewis (and his magnificent grill), Lynn Lloyd and Patricia Muchmore as cashier we had a stellar day of selling brats and dogs. You guys are all the best. Tim Heitzman will have the final say but I think we done good. We had fun, cooked a lot of brats and dogs and covered the playing fields in the aroma of sautéing onions. Thanks one and all and for Marlies VanCise and Barb Copley who volunteered to help and then could not, I appreciate your willingness to help and I will call on you again. Special thanks to Barb Doat who watched my dog so I could cook.

Sharon













Photos by B. Lewis

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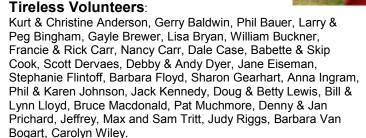
# Croquet 2012

A BIG success on Sunday, July 22. Thanks to 120 volunteer hours (on Sunday alone) we hosted 22 teams with about 75 guests and 15 judges. The Grill sold 160 brats, LIC made \$1600, and KPCCA earned \$4800 from sponsors, bribes and cakewalk.

#### **Event Captains:**

Gamesmaster: Gayle Brewer Producers: Jan & Denny Prichard Grill Sergeant: Sharon Gearhart Front Desk: Lisa Bryan Details, Details: Carolyn Wiley Field & Steam: Doug Lewis Judicials: Gerry Baldwin Phil Bauer for KPCCA

Trophies and announcing by Jeffrey Tritt & Sons. Music by Dr. Roes Down Home Band, Croquet Bar featuring Ms. Lori Deacon of Cape E Farm & Vineyard.
Pool bracketing auditor Shirley Brewer.



#### Open to Reconsideration...

Chief Justice Gerry Baldwin, Her/His Honors Athena Snider, Jerry Costello, Jud Morris, Katie Siegel, Larry Seaquist, Lesley Iacolucci, Sam Haffly, Stan Flemming, Stan Rumbaugh, Terry Lee, Stephanie Flintoff and Scott Dervaes.

#### Trophies to:

Division One Gold and Big Kahuna Award: Molly & The Gdads

Division Two Silver: The Potheads
Division Three Bronze: Maui Wowie
Division Four Zinc: Wilde Bunburyists
Best Slogan: Bittersweet Consortium
Best Team Costume: Knickerbockers
Best Costume: Christopher Forest
Highest Individual Score: Spuds
Worst Single Shot: Carol Garrett
Youngest Player: Riley Hill

Good Loser Award: Angel Guild Team A Unnaturally Gifted: Wicket Women Too Much Fun: The Flaming Shmoes

Best Lobbyists: Ball Busters Greasiest Judge: Scott Devraes Most Elaborate Play: Louie Louie













# A full roster of LIC fall events

Meet you at the Marina Saturday afternoons, Aug 11 and Sept 22, for informal *wine tastings*. Come as you are and enjoy the boats, the sparkling water, Mt. Rainier and tasty wines from The Blend.

Mojo Overload returns for a rockin' *Labor Day Dance*. Get your tickets in advance and save a few bucks. Volunteer for a few hours and feel like you went out!

Knit one, purl two but mark your calendar for the fantastic Fiber Arts show. Every year it's better and bigger -- if it's fibrous, it's there. (Not to be confused with Filbert Arts)

Stay tuned for more to keep you entertained...







# **LIC Membership Report**

# Mark your calendars for the August Pot Luck Membership Meeting, Wednesday, August 15, 6:30 pm

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Dick and Marlies Van Cise

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