

June 2011



Member Newsletter

# Longbranch Improvement Club

*For the Betterment of the Community*



**Annual Members BBQ, Wed. June 15, 6:30 PM**

## President's Report . . .

**Wharf Update.** Thanks to all who helped out with wharf maintenance this past month. Much has been accomplished, but more needs to be done before we are through this season. See Pat Muchmore or Randy Babich for details. Thanks to Bruce Jeglum, Dave Wickland, Lynn Carr, Steve Stemhaugen and the others that did so much this month. The mast fabrication looks great. We will temporarily repair the ramp for the summer and consider further repairs this fall.

**Marina Fatality.** We don't have much information on the death at the wharf, but we do know that a solo sailor took ill and fell into the cabin of his sailboat as he approached the marina. His boat was secured by a guest, who also called 911. He was dead when the EMTs arrived. We will know more as time goes on. Our condolences to the family.

**Bon Voyage.** To the Fass's, who left this month for a cruise to the north. Expect them back in August.

**Floating Restroom.** Thanks to Dave Wickland for his successful pursuit of a grant from the State for a floating restroom. The Board received approval at the membership meeting to enter into negotiations with the State, as we will be signing a contract for the grant. We will have some expenses though, for maintenance and operation (reimbursed at 75%), but the capital cost (up to \$158k) is 100% funded. Work must be completed by December 15, 2011 or we pay a 25% penalty, so there is some risk. Nearly all agree that a restroom at the marina would be a great addition. We have received a proposal (bid) from Marine Floats. Stand by for more information.

**Dock Breakfast.** Thanks to all who helped out at the Dock Breakfast; it was a success. And thanks to all the regatta racers and support staff. A good time was had by all. Congratulations to Virgil and his crew for passing our sailboat on the last leg. Well done.

**LIC History.** Thanks to all who have provided historical information to the LIC Historian, Lynn Larson. Please keep digging up more photos, articles, etc. for the LIC archive.

**Membership.** Thanks to Jan Pritchard for increasing the membership. Keep putting out the word for her as the LIC is gaining momentum. Thanks to Kurt Anderson for his work on the LIC hats, and to Nancy Carr for her work on the LIC fleeces.

We are all looking forward to a fun, dry, sunny summer. Please plan on attending all the LIC events.

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

# LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES May 18, 2011

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

CONTRACTORS PRESENT: Sharon Gearhart

GUEST: Laurel Shultz

Kurt Anderson introduced Laurel Shultz from Community in Schools of Peninsula. This organization will be the beneficiary of the proceeds from the upcoming Croquet Tournament. Laurel explained how the organization came into existence and what their mission is with the schools. They coordinate math and reading mentors with children who will benefit from this service. Some of the other services they provide are: mobile dental van services to children ages 1 – 15 with no dental insurance, drug and alcohol prevention assemblies to local schools, school supplies to students from low income families and free books to children who have no personal home collections. They also offer parenting courses and financial literacy nights.

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m.

President Geoff Baillie explained there had been an incident at the marina today. A lone sailor from out of the area had brought his boat into the marina when other boaters noticed the boat was drifting and went to lend a hand. They saw the skipper in a prone position and called 911. Responding medics found the man deceased. Cause of death is unknown at this time. Dock Master Pat Thompson remained at the marina to assist the authorities if needed.

## REPORTS:

EVENTS: Sandy Black read a note from Rebecca Wolf thanking the LIC for the scholarship awarded to her for her college education. He also read a couple thank you notes from students at Evergreen Elementary for the LIC's contribution to their stay at Science Camp. The Memorial Day Dance is the next event planned and Sandy requested higher member and community attendance. At this time no yacht clubs are scheduled into the Marina for that weekend. This is one of the LIC's main fund raisers. Tickets are available and if you are unable to attend it would be helpful if you still purchased a ticket. The club will be selling nachos, hot dogs with toppings and fresh popped popcorn. A large electric popper was donated by Pat Muchmore and Sharon Gearhart so look for hot popcorn to be served at many events. Sandy still needs volunteers for the door and possibly bartenders. He is still trying to contact our bartender.

Tim Heitzman reported that Gayle Brewer has developed a plan for the Croquet Tournament play. Forty teams will each play three one-half hour games as a team. The tournament will start at 12:00 noon. The number of teams will be limited to forty so be sure to sign up well in advance. The on-line sign-up on our web site is now available for your convenience. Additional croquet sets are needed. Carolyn Wiley asked that members please park away from the grassy area where the bar will be set up as they are trying to encourage the grass to grow in that area. There will be large rocks placed this next week outlining parking to protect the grass.

In Pat Thompson's absence, Geoff Baillie announced the proceeds from the sailing regatta totaled \$156 for the Mustard Seed Project.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Joe Barrow announced election of officers and chairpersons will be at the June General Membership meeting. It will be for two year terms for President, Treasurer, Dock and Membership. It will be one year terms for Vice President, Secretary, Events, and Building/Grounds. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the June meeting or you may call Joe or any member of the nominating committee with a nomination.

TREASURER: At this time the net income is approximately \$8,000 ahead of projections. The first two payments have been made against the wharf loan. The Board voted to pay up to \$600 extra per month against the principle as long as the cash flow will allow it.

MEMBERSHIP: Jan Prichard reported there are 101 paid memberships. New members introduced themselves: Marcia Lemon, Bill and Lynn Lloyd and Dan Miller. Rob Carlson was introduced as a recent new member. Jan thanked hostesses Theresa Gano and Robin Gould and stand-in greeter Carolyn Wiley. Carolyn reminded members to buy raffle tickets for two items, a coffee basket and a book on the history of the Key Peninsula.

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Jan said she had the sign-up sheets for the Dock Breakfast and while most workers had signed in they neglected to sign out and would they please come and do that and indicate the time they left so hours can be calculated.

MARINA: Pat Muchmore reported that Dave Wickland had obtained a mast that he, with help from other members, had converted to a flag pole for the marina. A new yardarm was built and installed to fly burgees. There will be a ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at the marina to commission the new flag pole. A trumpeter is lined up to play and champagne will be served. Please plan to attend. Pat thanked Dave Wickland for all his work on this project. Work still needs to be done on the dock, pressure washing and painting. Lynn Carr and Steve Stemhagen are looking for help to break up the concrete pad by the gate so the rest of the entry to the dock can be completed. The County fixed the guard rail. The flowers at the dock look nice and Pat said thank you to all who helped with the breakfast. There are two small slips available for rent and a waiting list for larger boats.

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Lynn Carr announced the meeting room furnace had been installed in the attic and the new propane tank for this furnace would be delivered on Saturday. Large rocks will be delivered next week for lining the parking area to protect the grass. Lynn is looking for volunteers to mow the grass and do some small jobs in and around the building. Carolyn Wiley and Shirley Brewer will be planting new flowers at the building on Thursday. Any volunteers to help are welcome.

WHARF UPDATE: A problem has come up with the ramp. The ramp comes off at low tide and the caster broke. Dave Wickland is at the marina tonight doing a temporary fix. Marine Floats will be contacted as it is felt they caused the problem. The County will repave the street end and hopefully that will help with a solution on placement of the porta-potties and garbage dumpster.

VICE PRESIDENT: No report.

PRESIDENT: Geoff Baillie reported that the deeds for the member loans have been recorded.

OLD BUSINESS:

FLOATING PUMP-OUT AND RESTROOMS: Geoff Baillie reported that the LIC has been approved for 100% grant for a capital expenditure of up to \$158,500 for construction and installation of a floating pump out station with two restrooms at the marina. The restrooms will be placed next to the office with the pump-out station location to be determined. The LIC is looking for a turnkey proposal from Marine Floats. This would require Marine Floats to purchase the boathouse next to the office, demolish the boathouse, construct the pump-out station and restrooms and place the restrooms at this location. They would have to guarantee completion of all phases by December 31, 2011. Geoff said the Board was looking for approval from the General Membership to enter into an agreement with the State and with the contractor up to the limit of the grant. No agreement would be signed with the State until a signed agreement with the contractor was completed. A motion was made and seconded for the Board to negotiate with the State and the contractor for construction of the floating pump-out station and restrooms. Motion passed.

MARINA SECURITY: Pat Muchmore reported the security system at the marina was completed. Dennis Carroll trained Denny Prichard, Pat Thompson and Pat Muchmore in the system. Four cameras have been installed with one covering A & B docks, one the dinghy dock, one behind the pavilion and one covering the larger boats at the permanent moorage. Any motion sets them off and the tapes run for a month. The Dock Committee would like to have additional cameras installed, one to cover the parking area and the other to cover guest moorage.

LIC HATS AND FLEECE: Kurt Anderson announced all previously ordered hats had been sold and another order was placed for another dozen LIC hats and two dozen LIC Marina hats, one dozen blue and one dozen black. Orders can be placed for these hats. Nancy Carr explained and exhibited the fleece options available. She has three women's styles, including a vest, in three colors and three men's styles in three colors. Your choice of the two slogans and embroidery colors is available. Prices quoted for members only. Other prices will be set for non-members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob McFarlane announced a road pick-up Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Meet at the club house. Coffee will be available.

The raffle was held and eventually the two items were distributed to the winners Marcia Lemon and Lynn Larson.

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Del Leaf thanked all who attended his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday bash and thanked the club for the roses and for all the help in putting on his event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Bingham, Secretary

## **Marina Committee Report.....**

The weather has kept the Marina a little on the slow side, but we are filling up temporary and permanent moorage slips quite quickly. Hopefully, this week end, Memorial Day, will bring us more visitors and some decent weather for us all.

Dave Wickland did a masterful job (no pun intended) finding a mast that he, Denny Prichard and Lynn Carr converted to a magnificent flag pole for the Marina. Originally, they wanted to raise the flag pole on Wednesday, May 25th, but I suggested we just have the flag raising ceremony that day at 2 pm. I wasn't sure that our liability insurance could handle any miscues for the Marina much less the 40 to 50 people that attended our great event. If you haven't seen the new flag pole, you really must pay the Marina a visit.....it is a true work of art. In addition to Dave, Denny and Lynn, Pat Thompson (our Dock Master), Randy Babich, Steve Stemhagen and last, but not least by any means, Del Leaf helped haul the flag pole from the resting position on the Dock to it's now remarkable place at the end of the Pavillion. In addition, Del also contributed a case of champagne to help celebrate what we hope is now a tradition for the Longbranch Marina.

We had some of our guest boaters join us for the flag raising ceremony and we were extremely happy to have them join us. Ken Peters played the trumpet for the actual flag raising while we all joined in to sing our National Anthem. This was followed by God Bless America and to a person we were all appreciative of all who have so valiantly served our Country, but experiencing the true meaning of the Memorial Day Weekend as a whole. Pat Thompson raised our new flag and also raised the Longbranch Marina Burgee as well. A job well done by all! Thank you to all who joined in the celebration.

As I mentioned at the ceremony on the 25th, I had talked to a member of the Honor Guard of the VFW to come join us, but they already had four full days of remembrance; one at the Veteran's cemetery, one at Port Townsend, one at Port Orchard and on Memorial Day itself they are scheduled to be on the deck of an air craft carrier in Bremerton for their final participation. However, I learned that we used to have the VFW, it's Honor Guard come to our Marina in the past to help us celebrate the real meaning of the Holiday. If we contact them early enough next year, they could probably schedule a time for us. I would hope that everyone agrees that that would be a great contribution on their part to help us celebrate with them. I will strongly urge the new Marina Chair to set this in motion for next year.

Like all of you, I look forward to more sunshine, warmer weather and more get together's at the Marina whether large or small. Have a very Happy June.

*Respectfully submitted by Pat Muchmore, Marina Chair*

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**ADOPT A ROAD:**

We had a pickup on Thursday, May 19th, a beautiful spring day. Thanks to Pat, Denny and Dave for their good work - over 15 bags of not-so-goodies picked up!

Bob McFarlane

**Grounds and Maintenance report.....**

Two new things for the Clubhouse:

1. Thanks to Steve, there are sliding doors below the stove.



2. A new furnace in the attic! Now we have heat in the Kitchen area of the clubhouse.



Submitted by Lynn Carr

## Upcoming Events!!

June 14th—Flag Day

June 15th—General Membership BBQ Pot Luck, 6:30 p.m.

June 19th—Father's Day

June 21st—Summer Solstice (the longest day of the year)



# LIC Membership Report

**Mark your  
calendars for the  
June  
General  
Membership  
BBQ Pot Luck  
Wed., May 15th  
at 6:30 p.m.  
Look for  
Upcoming  
Events.**

Many thanks to Theresa Gano and Robin Gould for hosting our May meeting and to Carolyn Wiley for serving as greeter. It was wonderful to see so many folks at the meeting and to hear about the Community in Schools program from Laurel Schultz.

Our June meeting will be our annual B-B-Q. The LIC provides the hamburgers, hotdogs, buns and condiments and members fill in with their favorite side dishes or desserts. We will also be electing officers and chairpersons. Come celebrate summer and the LIC with your friends and neighbors!

We are so happy to welcome the following new and renewing members:

**Renewing Members:**  
Colter and Steffanie Mott and Family

**New Members:**  
Dan Miller  
Brian and Susan Combs  
James and Marcia Lemon  
Bill and Lynn Lloyd

Hope to see you all at the B-B-Q!

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Flagpole—Before

### New Flagpole at the Marina



Final fixes before raising



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