

NAUTICAL NEWS

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WINTER HAVEN NAUTICAL CLUB meets the **1st Wednesday** of every month
Potluck dinner at 6:30 PM. Bring a dish to pass. Regular meeting begins at
7:00 pm at the Clubhouse at 695 Ave. K, SW. Our Website is www.whnc.biz
If you have any ideas about the website, call John Valich 559-5887.

WINTER HAVEN NAUTICAL CLUB

General Membership Meeting
At 7:00 p.m. 3/3/2010

27 people were in attendance. Welcome to our guest, Nadine Harp!

ACTIVITIES: **Susan Hutchinson,**
Chairperson

February 6, 2010: Casino Night

**Arlene Adams reported that there were 27 people in attendance at this event. She reported that there was a profit for the Club of \$450 and thanked everyone for items for the Auctions and finger foods brought to the event. Special thank you went to Mike Hall, Bob Beckner, Becky Smith and Bill Stevens for running the tables. A good time was had by all and as usual lots of play money was spent at the auction. Some of us especially enjoyed learning how to play Texas Hold em.
It was a fun time!!**

February 13, 2010: Work Day

David Hutchinson thanked those who showed up even though the weather was awful. West Marine provided new nautical flags for us and a certificate of appreciation was presented to them from the Club

February 27, 2010: German Dinner

Otto and Suzanne thanked Lamar and Liz Middleton for helping them prepare the German food for this dinner and Margaret Barrett for collecting and accounting for the money. Over 30 people came and enjoyed the food and the games. We also had door prizes and everyone who purchased a ticket was a winner. The Club profit was \$217.78 and \$146.22 was donated to Haiti Relief along with soap, toothpaste and other items brought in by members.

March 13, 2010: Italian Night

Phyllis Ingraham and Rosemary Krencisz are busy making sauce (gravy) and meatballs for this spaghetti dinner. This event will start at 5:30 pm on Saturday night. The cost for dinner is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. There will not be a fashion show this year due to unforeseen complications. There was discussion of showing a movie or having Karaoke after dinner. Hope to see everyone there!

March 13, 2010

John Valich reported that we will go on a Mystery Land Cruise on Sunday. The location is west of Winter Haven about 30-40 miles. Bring \$15 for admission and about \$10 to eat and meet at TA Truck Stop on I4 at 10:00 am

March 20-21, 2010: Lake Wales Boat Races

Bob Beckner reported that Becky designed a sign up sheet for workers. It was sent around at the meeting. At the end of the meeting, Becky and David reported that if more people do not sign up, there won't be enough workers to man the concessions. Please contact Becky Smith to add your name. She is working on the schedule. We need 10 workers for 3 shifts on Saturday and the same number on Sunday. Remember the Club can make \$750 to \$1000 on this one event!

CRUISES: Mike Hall, Chairperson

February 20, 2010: Tarpon Springs Cruise

Bob Beckner turned this cruise over to John Valich. John reported that 3 boats met at the TA Truck Stop on I4 and left to meet Spies at Gulfport Marina to launch. 4 boats with 12 people cruised to Tarpon Springs. 11 people drove over and met the boaters for Lunch at Captain Jack's. Shopping and touring followed that. The next morning, the 4 boats headed back to Gulfport with Spies staying another night at Indian Rocks Beach. John reported that the cruise was a little chilly but everyone had a good time with NO problems!! Bob thanked John for leading the cruise when he was unable to do so.

March 6-7, 2010: Hammock Beach Resort Cruise

John Valich reported that The Red Flannel Cruise has been rescheduled from January to March. Original plans still in place are to meet at Loves Truck Stop at I4 and SR 559 at 8:00 am to trailer to Halifax Marina at Daytona

Beach to launch. Contact John for additional information about the cruise and the resort. Sounds like a beautiful place!

March 27, 2010 – Evening Cruise to Tampa Bay

John Valich reported that we will depart from TA Truck Stop on I4 at 4:00 pm. He will make arrangements for dinner at a restaurant of his choice in Tampa. Please RSVP to John so he knows how many to plan for. We will cruise back across Tampa Bay to Williams Park after dark. This is a beautiful cruise and hopefully will include a wonderful sunset.

April 10-11 2010 – Merritt Island Cruise

John Valich reported that we need a leader for this cruise to Harbor town Marine at Merritt Island. Call John to volunteer.

Also in April, on the 24th is a scheduled picnic cruise to 3 Rooker Bar. Departure place is Seminole Boat Ramp about 10 am. More information will be given at the April meeting.

COMMITTEES

GROUNDS: David Hutchinson, Chairperson

Work day on May 8 to complete work that wasn't done in February.

HOUSEKEEPING: Jackie Littrell, Chairperson

Jackie asked that everyone take a few minutes after the meeting to put the chairs back where they belong, straighten up, and empty the ashtrays on the porch. Hosts and Hostesses are needed for some meetings. Please sign up for a meeting. Requirements are to arrive early, help set up the food for the cover dish and clean up the kitchen and trash after the meeting. Members are always willing to help out.

RECYCLING: Frank Ingraham, Chairperson

Bring more stuff!!!

RENTALS: Dick Littrell, Chairperson

Dick announced that there is a reservation by Barrett's for March 7, a wedding rehearsal dinner rental on May 22 and a graduation party rental on June 12. He is working on a rental in October.

SHIP'S STORE: David Hutchinson, Chairperson

Please give your orders for shirts, hats, etc. to David. More WHNC Window Clings are available. Put them on your cars, trucks and on your boat (s) to advertise our club.

WAYS & MEANS: Margaret Barrett, Chairperson

The meeting in February will be rescheduled and members notified. We will have the budget information available for the first quarter of the year. If anyone has an idea for a fundraiser, please contact one of the members of the committee.

WEB-SITE: John Valich, Chairperson

John is thinking about a Silent Auction on the website.

(www.whnc.biz) More information to follow.

Any pictures or new ideas, contact John. Check out the new look!

SUNSHINE: Marty Kidwell, Chairperson

Amber reported on Ronnie's progress. He may get to come home tomorrow if his temperature stays down.

YEARBOOK; Nancy Hall, Chairperson

Please print your pictures out and give them to Nancy. Electronic pictures will go on the Website.

MEMBERSHIP: Bob Beckner, Chairperson

Becky announced that there are some calendars left. Purchase yours for \$7.00

Old Business

Nadine Harp reported that she collected 900 Bunnies for Boo Boos last year. She thanked us for our participation and donations. She realizes that because of the economy this year, she may not collect as many. However, she was happy with the tableful of bunnies that members brought in to tonight's meeting. You may still bring Bunnies in on March 13th. Bob Beckner will make sure Nadine receives them in time. We hope she will return to the Club and let us know how many she was able to donate this year.

Jackie announced that when she and Dick have a little free time, she will have the stove checked out and repaired if necessary.

New Business

Commodore Valich announced that the Board decided to have the locks rekeyed for the gate and Club door. Ralph Kear has volunteered to do the work for us and a greatly reduced rate. Keys will be made and distributed to members at the April meeting (or at a date to be announced at the April meeting). The alarm code will be changed also.

Jackie Littrell announced that she and her Sorority Sisters are collecting blankets and towels for the Humane Society. If you can help the ladies with this project, please contact Jackie.

Margaret Barrett announced that she will take the supplies and check to Faith in Action, Haiti Fund. If anyone has anything else to donate, contact Margaret. She volunteers weekly at the Faith in Action Thrift Store. All the profits from the Thrift Store go to Haiti. Owners, Bill and Marlene Burch have been Missionaries to Haiti since 1980 and lived in Haiti for over 26 years.

Phyllis Ingraham brought a birthday cake for March. Check your calendar and wish a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary to all the people born and/or married in March. If you wish to bake a birthday cake for any month, please contact Becky.

The April meeting is April 7th. Remember, the potluck will start at 6:30 and the meeting will start at 7:00 pm!!!!

Bill Barrett won the 50/50. \$17 for Bill and \$17 for the Club.