

July 2013



Member Newsletter

# Longbranch Improvement Club

*For the Betterment of the Community*



**Dessert 'Pot Luck' Meeting Wed. July 17th, 7:00 PM**

## President's Message

New dock flooring: Following some falls on the dock during the Memorial Day weekend, we took action to remedy the slippery area. The same type of grated material that is on the new wharf walkway was used to create a large non-slip pad on the dock at the bottom of the walkway ramp. The dock boards were removed and the new grating material was installed flush to the surface of the surrounding dock. The entire project was carried out by LIC personnel so our only costs were for materials. Thanks to Dockmaster Lynn Carr, Denny Prichard, Kurt Anderson, Clark VanBogart and Bruce Jeglum for a professional quality job.

Enjoy the Marina: We are entering a glorious time of the year here in the South Sound. Even if you are not going boating, our Marina makes a nice destination for a walk or drive. Stroll out on the dock to check out the new flooring noted above and enjoy the view. Maybe bring a picnic. You really can't go anywhere for better scenery than we have right here! On the walk out to the dock, pause to see the Geoff Baillie memorial plaque commissioned by the LIC.

Croquet Tournament coming up! Please get involved in this event, which is not only a hoot in terms of fun but an important fund-raiser for our designated community partner. This year that partner is our local Firefighters Auxiliary. You can help by making up or joining a team to play, working at the event, or just coming to enjoy the action (plus some good food and a cold one).

Elections were held at the 6/19 meeting: New to the leadership team are Denny Prichard (Marina Chair) and Eloise Colbert (Membership Chair). Francie Carr was reelected to the Treasurer position with the stipulation that she may leave after one more year. I was elected to a new term as President, and Phil Johnson has offered to serve another term as our Trustee/At Large Board member. Leaving the Board are Harry Faas (Marina Chair) and Jan Prichard (Membership Chair); both served diligently during their terms. On behalf of the LIC membership, I want to thank them again for their service to the Club.

July Program: We will have a program at the beginning of the July membership meeting on the 17th, presented by Cathy Williams. Her topic is "History of Penrose Point". This local landmark has a fascinating history, one in which Cathy's family played an important role. This should be a very interesting program, so invite your friends, including non-LIC members.

Future Programs: I have been serving as our informal "program chairman" and programs are pretty much set up for the remainder of 2013. But going forward, I could really use some help in arranging for future programs. Please make contact if you would be willing to help.

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 19, 2013**

Tonight's General Membership Meeting was preceded by the annual barbeque put on by the LIC Board. Many tasty potluck dishes, including some dishes that will be found in the new LIC cookbook, were provided by a large, enthusiastic and happy crowd of club members. A social hour was held before dinner.

President Gayle Brewer called upon Scholarship Chair Christine Anderson to announce this year's LIC scholarship winners from Peninsula High School. Christine introduced Gina Cabiddu, Patrick Hennesey and T.J. Lilyblade. All three had at one time been students at Evergreen Elementary School. Gina will attend the University of Washington to study Social Welfare, Patrick will attend Western Washington University to study Biochemistry/Premed and T.J. will attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to study Aeronautical Engineering. The scholarships were in the amount of \$1,000 each. This money was raised from our event tip jars, aluminum can sales and groceries receipts from Peninsula Market.

Secretary Peg Bingham asked to have the minutes of the last meeting approved. Motion made, seconded and approved.

**REPORTS**

Treasurer Francie Carr gave her report. The 990 tax return has been filed on time. If anyone would like to review it, she has a copy.

All expenses have been paid for the Geoff Baillie Memorial fund. A check in the amount of \$348 which represents the remainder of the donations received has been written to Evergreen Elementary School for their Geoff Baillie Memorial Fund which supports their library.

Memorial Day was a great success for the LIC. The gross revenue from the Dance was more than budgeted and the expenses were less than anticipated! Kudos to Tim and the many volunteers for netting more than \$3,600. In May, the marina also had a good turnout with boats spending 188 nights at the marina between May 5 and May 31.

Harry has worked exceedingly hard in setting up a process to have overdue accrued moorage paid and boats removed from the marina. As of last week, two of the three delinquent marina invoices were paid and the boats removed from the dock.

Events Chair Tim Heitzman said he was very pleased with the success of the Memorial Day Dance. Next event is the Croquet Tournament and he is looking for volunteers. This is a fun and wonderful way to support the local community. This year the recipient of the money raised is the local volunteer firefighters. If you do not want to volunteer, you could form a team and compete. Please contact Tim if you are willing to do either one. If you just want to be a spectator, bring a can of food for the Food Bank and join in the fun. There will be great food, beverages, costumes and watching the competing teams is an enjoyable way to spend the day.

Building and Grounds Chair Doug Lewis reported that our aging septic system is having a difficult time keeping up with the increased number of functions in the building this summer. If we can take care to not flush improper items down in the restrooms or scrape garbage into the kitchen sink drains and not let the water just run in the sinks we may be able to avoid an expensive problem. He asked for everyone's help with this matter.

He would also appreciate member assistance with mowing the grounds and with doing some small repairs around the building. He expressed his appreciation of Bob Halligan's assistance in replacing some of the broken windows.

Membership Chair Jan Prichard reported 107 memberships totaling 183 members. She also invited members to sign up for one of the Historical Society's cruises around the west side of the Peninsula. They are scheduled July 13, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. and July 14, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50.00 per person, there will be a raffle, food and no-host bar.

There were no reports from the Marina Chair or the Trustee-at-Large.

New Sunshine Lady, Marlies Van Cise reported she had sent cards of condolence to Harold Schlenker and family on the passing of his wife Alice, Patty and Dennis Carroll on the passing of Carol's brother and to the Radonich family on the passing of Marge's daughter Cindy. She also asked members to please inform her of anyone that might need a friendly call, nice card, flowers or even a hug.

Nancy Carr asked that all articles for the upcoming newsletter be submitted to her by June 25.

There were no reports from our Historian or the Vice-President.

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2013

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President Gayle Brewer reported on an accident on the dock during the Memorial Day weekend. There were reports of a couple people slipping and falling on the dock at the foot of the ramp from the wharf. There were no serious injuries. Gayle asked Dock Master Lynn Carr and available members of the Marina Committee to pursue remediation of the problem as soon as possible. The problem was promptly addressed and the area has been covered with the same non-slip surface as the ramp itself. This appears to have mitigated the problem and is in line with the actions we will have to eventually take to conform to the DNR requirement for allowing more light through the dock.

The speaker for the July dessert meeting will be Cathy Williams. She will speak on the history of Penrose Point.

Gayle asked for a round of applause for outgoing Board member, Dock Chair, Harry Faas.

### OLD BUSINESS

The Geoff Baillie Memorial plaque has been placed with the Vernon Merrill and the Lifetime Achievement plaques on the wall in the meeting room. Thanks to Doug Lewis and Clark Van Bogart for completing this project.

Gayle thanked Lynn Carr for the stainless steel flower holder he fabricated and attached to the Geoff Baillie Memorial plaque on the wharf.

Harry Faas announced that as reported by Francie Carr the moorage regulation enforcement policy has been put into effect, with two delinquent moorages paid and the boats removed. They are following up with the enforcement on the third boat.

Barb Floyd reported on the status of the cookbook. We have 384 recipes from 129 contributors which we are proofing and testing to get ready for submission to the publisher in July. Sharon Gearhart pointed out that a number of dishes are presented at the monthly LIC meetings with a sign indicating the name of the dish and that the recipe will be included in the cookbook.

The LIC Cookbook is scheduled to go on sale the first weekend in October at the Fiber Arts Show and several farm venues on the Farm Tour. We are trying to keep the price point at \$20.

Barb Van Bogart pointed out that you will be able to reserve a book through the LIC website and we encourage you to do so. This feature will be available the week of June 24.

### NEW BUSINESS

Gayle acknowledged our Scholarship recipients again.

He asked Tim if he had any additional announcements regarding the Croquet Tournament. His response was volunteer, volunteer, volunteer.

Denny Prichard gave a short update on the status of the project to seek a reduction in our marina property tax bill. The county was using some incorrect data to calculate our assessment and a few other factors could also influence our final bill.

The DNR did an inspection of the dock and will give us a report on changes that will need to be made by 2017 to comply with new regulations. We will receive the report when our DNR contact person returns from vacation.

Gayle reported that the recent accidents at the marina brought to the forefront the need to have a risk assessment for the clubhouse and the marina. This is being pursued.

Gayle called on Nominating Committee Chair Pat Muchmore who presented the slate of officers to be nominated: Gayle Brewer for President, Denny Prichard for Dock Chair and Eloise Colbert for Membership Chair. Francie Carr agreed to fill one year of the two year term, but a new Treasurer will need to be found in that year. Nominations from the floor were requested. There were no additional nominations and a motion was made to approve the slate presented. Motion seconded and passed unanimously. Gayle thanked Pat and her committee for all their hard work.

Connie Hildahl and Christine Anderson announced summer presentations about Penrose Park by the Historical Society.

Member Mark Scott owner of the Lakebay Marina invited all to attend a beer tasting at the Lakebay Marina at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, June 27.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Bingham, Secretary



# Upcoming Events

Mon. July 1—Third Quarter Moorage Payments Due

Wed. July 3—Marina Committee Meeting, 9:00 am, LIC Clubhouse

Wed. July 3—Events Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Tim's house

Thu. July 4 —Independence Day

Fri-Sun. July 12-14—Key Peninsula Community Fair, 'Keyfest 2013', Gateway Park. Call Mike

Hays for LIC volunteer hours, 884-0811

Sat. July 13—Key Peninsula Historical Society Cruise, 2:30—5:30, see Jan Prichard, j

jan@pacinfo.com/253-884-2030

Sun. July 14—Key Peninsula Historical Society Cruise, 11:00-2:00, see Jan Prichard

Thu. July 18—First Boaters Outing to Steilacoom, leave Marina 10:15 AM

Sun. July 21—Croquet Tournament, LIC Clubhouse, Noon-6:30 pm

Mon. July 22—Hammock Day, relax and enjoy (after the Croquet Tournament)

## LIC Boater's Outings

We had such a good turnout for our boater's outings last summer, and so many requests for more of the same this summer, that we went ahead and scheduled the following for 2013:

**July 18. Lunch** on the upper deck at Topside Bar and Grill. Departing the LIC Marina at 10:15. Arriving at Steilacoom by 10:45.

**August 15. Breakfast** at Bair Bistro (Bair Drug and Hardware). Departing the LIC Marina at 8:30. Arriving at Steilacoom by 9:00.

**September 12.** Tentative plan is to head to either Gig Harbor or Olympia for a mid-afternoon meal at one of the seafood restaurants.

Start your planning now. Get your passengers lined up, and let me know as early as possible how many people you expect in your party. Contact me at 253-350-0309, [hound356@gmail.com](mailto:hound356@gmail.com), or in person. And yes, sailboats are included. You just have to leave a little earlier to make the arrival times.

Kurt Anderson

## Hoots. Giggles, snorts and guffaws.....

It's what you'll hear at the Longbranch Charity Croquet Tournament on Sunday, July 21 from noon to 6:30. People enjoying the day, the game and the fun of playing croquet with our friends and neighbors.

You're asking: "This sounds too good to miss. How can I be part of the fun?" The secret answer is below but here's a hint: play, watch or help. We need players in teams of four – register at 884-2222. We need spectators, it's free— there's plenty to watch. Want to help? Call Tim at 884-0577 to sign up.

The Croquet Tournament is our premier summer event, please make the fourth year another success for the LIC and the volunteer firefighters we're helping.

Tim Heitzman



Sunday July 21  
Noon to 6:30  
LIC Field

Prizes for theme, spirit,  
costumes, strokes, scores.  
Food, drink & friendly judges

Team signup 884-2222  
4-person team \$60 to benefit

 Key Peninsula  
Firefighters Association

*Spectators welcome, please  
bring Food Bank donations*

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Register online at [www.licweb.org](http://www.licweb.org) or call 253/884-2222

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Answer: 4th Annual Croquet Tournament July 21,

## Savories and Sweets South Sound Treats

The Cookbook Committee has been collecting recipes for the publication of a professionally printed, hard cover, three ring binder chock full of favorite recipes submitted by you, your friends, families and neighbors. We are thrilled with the response of contributors, and with the varied and appetizing recipes collected. As a special treat, the book is illustrated with beautiful watercolors, done by a local artist, of items of local interest. In addition, the artwork is accompanied by a write up of the history of what the artwork depicts. Expect to learn even more about this wonderful area through watercolors and words. We anticipate that this cookbook may become one of your favorites!

This cookbook is being promoted and sold to benefit the LIC – all profits go directly to the LIC to further enhance programs that benefit our community. Time and talent has been donated by many to make this possible. We are currently in the testing, editing and proofing phase of this project and anticipate having the cookbook ready to go to the printer in early August. Allowing for the required production time, we are planning to have the first printing of the cookbooks shipped to us in time for the Fiber Arts Show and Pierce County Farm Tour on October 5, 2013. Cookbooks will be available that day at several venues. In addition, there will be opportunities to purchase cookbooks at the LIC general monthly meetings, Trunk or Treat and Kids N Christmas, as well as other venues here on the Key.

We are now offering the opportunity to reserve your copies now! We will contact you in September once the books arrive. Please email [recipes4lic@yahoo.com](mailto:recipes4lic@yahoo.com) with the number of books you would like to reserve and we will ensure your order is filled!!!

We know you will be as delighted as we are with the content of Savories & Sweets, South Sound Treats. As the name suggests, it is a collection of recipes sure to pique your interest and get you into the kitchen. We know this cookbook will make wonderful gifts for many occasions and we encourage you to invest in your community by investing in your LIC cookbook!

Barb Floyd and Barb Van Bogart

## Would you like .....

Would you like to earn LIC volunteer hours and be part of a fun summer community event? If yes, help out with parking at this year's Key Peninsula Community Fair "KeyFest 2013". The Fair will be held at Gateway Park which is where the old Renaissance Fair used to be (across the street from K.P. Fire Station #44) on Friday July 12th, 13th and 14th. Parking shifts will be 3 ~ 4 hours each day. You can help out for just one day, two, or all three. To volunteer, please contact Michael Hays at 884-0811.

Mike Hays



## From the Dockmaster .....

We added a no-slip panel at the end of the ramp from the wharf to the dock. This was done after two people slipped during Memorial Day weekend when we had lots of rain and very low tides. You can see the new approach to/from the ramp in the picture above.

We had boaters in the Marina every weekend in June and some visitors during the week. Some of our guests were from the Gig Harbor Yacht Club, Carling Yacht Club, Fircrest Yacht Club (who made us their destination for a 'Longest Day' Cruise), Port Ludlow Yacht Club (who had a nice wine tasting with Trillium Winery) and the last weekend of the month we will have the Tacoma Outboard Association.

In July, we will have 'My Girl' the yacht that will be performing the Key Peninsula Historical Society fund raising tours around the west shore of Key Peninsula. Also this month will be the Corinthian Yacht Club and at the end of the month, some of the Classic Yacht Club.

Lynn Carr



## Longbranch Improvement Club Scholarship For Peninsula High School Seniors

This year's scholarship committee, Connie Hildahl, Barb Van Bogart and Christine Anderson, had the privilege of reviewing the Senior Portfolios of Peninsula High students who live in the LIC membership area. Based on academic performance, community service, leadership and future goals, three outstanding seniors were chosen. Gina Cabiddu, T.J. Lilyblade and Patrick Hennessey will each receive a \$1000.00 LIC Scholarship.

In addition to our financial investment in these students, the LIC scholarship committee wants to recognize and encourage our scholarship winners as they pursue their career goals. All three recipients participated in the LIC June 19<sup>th</sup> barbeque, where they had an opportunity to visit with members and be formally recognized. Their future colleges and majors are:

Gina Cabiddu	University of Washington	Social Welfare.
T.J. Lilyblade	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Aeronautical Engineering
Patrick Hennessey	Western Washington University	Biochemistry/Premed

Christine Anderson

## Certificate of Appreciation

The LIC received this certificate of appreciation from the Peninsula High School for our years of supporting graduating seniors in their pursuit of academic and vocational education. The LIC has invested in the futures of many students and our scholarship fund has grown from \$300.00 to \$3,000.00. This year we were able to give three generous scholarships of \$1,000.00 each.



## Letters from our 2013 Scholarship Recipients



From left to right, TJ Lilyblade, Patrick Hennessey and Gina Cabiddu

I cannot put my gratitude for your generous \$1000 scholarship investment in my future from the LIC into words. I plan to use the investment for my future at the University of Washington where I will be attending this fall to pursue my passion and major of Social Welfare. Again, I am grateful for your faith in my future and I am deeply moved and thankful as I know this scholarship will bring my goals that much closer to life. I look forward to seeing you at the June LIC meeting.

Sincerely,

Gina Cabiddu

Thank you so much for your generous \$1,000 scholarship. I was excited to receive this because I have plans to attend Western Washington University in the fall. I plan to major in biochemistry. Again thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Patrick Hennessey

Thank you very much for selecting me for your generous scholarship. I am grateful as it will help me to achieve, at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, my goal of becoming an Aerospace Engineer. Again, thank you so much.

Sincerely,

TJ Lilyblade



# LIC Membership Report

Thanks to everyone who helped make the membership BBQ a rousing success. Thanks especially to the Board members who showed up before 5 to help set up, Tim Heitzman for setting up and tending bar, and Lynn Carr for grilling all those burgers and dogs. Over 70 members and guests enjoyed a happy evening of good food and conversation. Members brought lots of great dishes, and some of their delicious recipes will be featured in the new cookbook coming out in October.

We're very happy to welcome new members **Tom and Pam Osborn** and renewing members **Dennis and Patty Carroll**.

Welcome, also, to Eloise Colbert who is our new Membership Chair! I know she would love to hear from you if you could host or hostess at any future meeting. Her email is [eaolbert@msn.com](mailto:eaolbert@msn.com).

Happy July!  
Jan Prichard  
Retiring Membership Chair

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