

June 2013



Member Newsletter

# Longbranch Improvement Club

*For the Betterment of the Community*



**General Meeting, BBQ and Potluck Wed. June 19, 6:30 pm**

## President's Message

The Dock Breakfast was a real treat this year, thanks to a lot of hard work by the volunteers who made it happen, and assisted by one of the more glorious weather days of the year so far. Over 180 breakfasts were served and we had lots of visitors. Special thanks to Doug Sylvers who organized the event again this year.

The dedication ceremony for the Geoff Baillie Wharf was both poignant and inspiring. Terry Lee, former Pierce County Councilman, shared memories of working with Geoff to cut through the red tape and get the project approved in record time. LIC members Lynn Carr, Kurt Anderson and Lisa Bryan shared personal memories and Lynn Larson shared memories of being on the dock with Geoff. The memorial plaque was unveiled; it is now installed on the wharf walkway. Next time you visit the Marina, be sure to take a look at it. Thanks are due to Tim Heitzman and Clark VanBogart who designed and executed the plaque, and to the LIC members who donated the funds to purchase it.

Another LIC home run was the Memorial Day Dance. Over 225 were in attendance to dance to live music by Fingertips, socialize, and share a libation. The building was truly rocking with happy people! The Marina was jammed with boats and Dockmaster Lynn Carr sold 100 dance tickets to boaters in advance of the event. The financial details are yet to settle out as I write this two days post-event, but I'm pretty sure we made a nice profit as well as lots of new friends. Tim Heitzman and his Events Committee just keep rolling out excellent affairs for us to enjoy. Of course organizing an event is one thing, but having it "happen" requires a lot of volunteer effort, which is where the entire LIC membership enters the picture. There are too many persons to thank individually, but it would be an oversight not to mention Peg Bingham and Sharon Gearhart and the rest of the tireless kitchen crew!

The Marina Committee is continuing to prepare for the DNR lease renewal in 2017. Kurt Anderson and Denny Prichard met at the Marina on May 23rd with representatives of the DNR to look over the Marina in a preliminary way as they begin the process of determining what modifications will be required prior to lease renewal (and going forward beyond 2017). We hope to see a report based on this visit from DNR in a few months, at which time we will begin to have a clearer idea of what we are facing. Stay tuned.

At the June meeting, there will be elections of the position of President, Treasurer, Membership Chair and Marina Chair. As of this writing, Nominating Committee Chair Pat Muchmore is still seeking nominees for Treasurer and Membership. Please step forward and get involved! Nominations will also be accepted from the floor prior to voting. Also at the June meeting, students who were chosen to receive LIC scholarship aid will be our guests and introduced to the membership.

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 15, 2013**

BOARD PRESENT: Gayle Brewer, Clark Van Bogart, Phil Johnson, Tim Heitzman, Jan Prichard, Harry Faas, Peg Bingham

CONTRATORS PRESENT: Lynn Carr, Kim Chaney

GUESTS: Dean Tossavainen

NEW MEMBERS: Dave Henderson, Kevin Darling, Joanna and Andy Stuen

RETURNING MEMBERS: Lora Gross and Bob Stivers

PROGRAM SPEAKER: Author Dick Blumenthal gave an interesting talk on the derivation of names of Inland Washington waters including Filucy Bay. This was followed by a question and answer period.

**CONTRACTOR REPORTS:**

Dock Master: Lynn Carr reported that he has locked the dumpsters at the dock to keep persons other than marina boaters from dumping trash in them. There are two garbage cans down on the dock that can be used by boaters.

Rental Agent: Kim Chaney reported a slow May but June and July are busy. There have been a number of inquires about using the building so she is anticipating more rentals. We have been added to the Gig Harbor Guide website.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Secretary: Peg Bingham asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion made, seconded and passed.

Treasurer: Francie Carr not present. Gayle read her report. Copies of the Profit and Loss Sheet were available on each table. Francie reported that through the end of April almost \$1500 has been received for the Geoff Baillie Memorial Fund. The "Blame Sally" concert brought in \$2,434 in revenue with \$1,948 in expenses for a net income of \$486. The Dock Breakfast generated \$1,226 in donations, \$213 in raffle ticket sales and \$79 for aprons. Three new memberships were received. Doug Sylvers was reimbursed \$304 for the breakfast expenses. Revenue for the marina is \$15,000 more than expected for this period.

Overall, revenue is \$29,000 above expectations for this period.

Building expenses are \$3,400 below expenditures. Events are above the expected year to date expenses, but included are \$777.64 for the new placements and expenses for the pancake breakfast and the "Blame Sally" concert. Marina expenses are below the expected year to date level.

The Geoff Baillie marina plaque invoice in the amount of \$1,250 has been paid. There will be money left to send to Evergreen School for the Geoff Baillie fund there. With income up and expenses below expected amounts, the LIC has a net profit of \$29,253 through April. The checking account balance is \$67,410.63.

Events: Tim Heitzman said there are 151 people following our Facebook page. There are three events coming up and volunteers are needed. Tim passed around clipboards to sign up to help. Memorial Day Dance is coming up this month. It is our biggest moneymaker and volunteers are needed. July 21st we have the Croquet Tournament. This event is a fun day. You could sign on to help or you could also form a team of four players and participate in the tournament itself or just come and cheer on your favorite team. August 10th we have a new event, the Drum Festival. This is a free event all day and there will be our grill set up outside with grilled onions and brats and a beer garden. This is going to be a great family friendly fun event and it will be because you volunteered to make it a success. If you volunteer you are not required to work the entire day but a couple or more hours of your time is greatly appreciated

Building and Grounds: Doug Lewis not present – no report.

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Membership: Jan Prichard thanked Kathy Bailey and Dee and Dick Scharf for acting as host and hostesses. She also thanked Trish Goodvin and Connie Copeland for signing members in and selling raffle tickets. Jan reported we have 104 memberships equaling about 177 members.

Marina: Harry Faas had no report but thanked Jan and Denny Prichard for the hanging baskets and pots full of colorful flowers brightening up the marina.

Trustee At Large: Phil Johnson had no report tonight.

Sunshine Lady: Vickie Biggs had no report tonight.

Newsletter: Nancy Carr asked that photos and articles for the next newsletter be sent to her by May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Vice President: Clark Van Bogart had no report tonight.

President: Gayle Brewer thanked Denny Prichard for setting up a sprinkler system for the flower containers at the marina and Jan Prichard and Shirley Brewer for planting the flower beds at the clubhouse.

Old Business: Gayle asked Harry if he would like to recap the Dock Breakfast. Harry recognized Doug Sylvers for his organizing and managing skills in chairing the Dock Breakfast. Harry did not have official numbers but understands 182 breakfasts were sold. While that is not a record it is more than last year. He thanked Dave and Paula Wickland for their donation of the boat model for the raffle and Nancy Carr for her donation of beautiful aprons. He also recognized Donna and Dave Delk for the fresh flower bouquets on all the tables. Everyone thought the tribute to Geoff was very thoughtful and well done. Sandy Black expressed his appreciation of all the work done by Pat Thompson in organizing the sailboat race.

Gayle reported the plaque was now installed on the wharf. Clark Van Bogart, Gayle and Lynn Carr handled the installation. Clark reported that the Geoff Baillie plaque for the clubhouse will be placed with the Vernon Merrill plaque on the meeting room wall in time for the June membership meeting. Clark is making a mounting for the Merrill plaque similar to the one on the Baillie plaque.

As of May 15 the memorial fund set up for Geoff Baillie is closed for accounting purposes. We exceeded the amount required to pay for the plaques and the balance will be sent to Evergreen School. If anyone is still interested in contributing in Geoff's memory please send the money directly to Evergreen.

Barb Van Bogart gave an update on the cookbook project. We have received 380 recipes. Our target was 300 – 350. We will not accept any more recipes after tonight. The editing, proofing and testing phase will now begin with a target date of Aug. first for submission to the publishing company. Our goal is to have the cookbook ready for sale at the Fiber Arts Show, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Price of cookbook will be \$20 and it will be a first class job.

Gayle reported that at their last meeting, the Board approved the policy for enforcement of moorage regulations. For a number of years we have had policies and regulations for the marina but we did not have any way to enforce them. We finally had a real need to enforce them and Washington State does have laws that cover that need. Phil Johnson and Clark Van Bogart reviewed these laws for what would apply to the needs of the LIC and came up with a draft of a policy. After working on it the marina committee presented a final draft to the Board and it was approved. Now the LIC has a procedure for enforcing our bylaws and dock regulations.

The new placemats are for sale for \$14.95 a set of four. There are four different pictures in each. set. The member price is \$10 per set tonight. Dance tickets are for sale for \$15 each, but the member price tonight is two for \$25. Croquet Tournament team registration will be discounted \$10 if submitted by the end of May.

Pat Muchmore reported on a very successful road clean-up last Saturday. Ten people volunteered and the weather cooperated. Thirty bags of trash were collected. Depending on the road condition the next cleanup will be in six to eight weeks. A notice will be sent out with the date of the next one.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Pat Muchmore reported that Gayle Brewer has agreed to run for President and Denny Prichard for Marina Chair. At this time there are no candidates for Treasurer or Membership. Pat requested that if you would be willing to run for one of these positions or have a suggestion for a nomination please contact her or Judy Riggs. Ideally we would like to see two people for each position. The nominations will be announced at the June meeting with the election following. Installation of the new officers is July.

The raffle drawing was held and Barb Van Bogart, Denny Prichard and Pat Muchmore were the winners. **IF I HAVE INCORRECT WINNERS PLEASE LET ME KNOW.**

Meeting adjourned 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Bingham  
Secretary

**Upcoming Events**

Wed. June 5—Marina Committee Meeting, 9:00 am, LIC Clubhouse

Thu. June 6 —Events Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, LIC Clubhouse

Sat. June 8—Key pen Parks 'Junk in your Trunk' sale, 9:00am—3:00 pm,  
Volunteer Park

Fri June 14—Flag Day

Sun June 16—Father's Day

Wed June 19—LIC 'BBQ Potluck' Meeting, LIC Clubhouse, 6:30 pm

**Sunshine—**

Marlies VanCise will be taking over the Sunshine Lady duties. She has done this work before, and is thoughtful and timely in reaching out to people. Marlies can be reached on 884-5608.

I loved doing this service for the LIC, but my work in Tacoma does not leave much time for extras.

Thank you,  
Vicki

## Events Report for May

We're on a roll!

After wowing a houseful with the Blame Sally concert, the LIC Events Committee is making more fun, more money and more fans than ever. Oh, and we're even bringing in new members.

Our new placemats have been an unqualified hit. The beautiful photos, courtesy of David Mendosino, <http://dmontesino.wordpress.com>, with printing courtesy of Larry Colbert, have been selling very well. Be sure to buy enough, quite often the first set gets given away. On sale at the next meeting at your member's discount price.

Save the dates:

Croquet Tournament July 21

Drum Fest August 10

Labor Day Dance August 31

Brother Sun returns October 19

Memorial Day Dance was the best ever, with 238 happy guests, we broke records, taking in almost \$6000. We poured a premium draft IPA that was very popular, as were new 24 oz. Coronas. The Fingertips band rocked the house, Lori Deacon was our guest mixologist, supported by a huge cast of LIC Improvers (welcome newbies\*). If your name isn't on the list, raise your hand next time. There's always a way we can use **your** help.

LIC Improvers:

Christie Anderson

Kathie Bailey

Peg Bingham

Gayle Brewer

Gene Brown

Francie Carr

Kim Cheney\*

Eloise Colbert

Kim Fisher\*

Don Gill

Connie Hildahl

Jim Larsen

Pat Muchmore

Janice Prichard

Max Tritt

Barbara Van Bogart

Kurt Anderson

Larry Bingham

Sandy Black

Shirley Brewer

Nancy Carr

Rick Carr

Creighton Cheney\*

Paul Fisher\*

Sharon Gearhart

Tim Heitzman

Jack Kennedy

Norma Larsen

Denny Prichard

Jeffrey Tritt

Christine Tritt

Carolyn Wiley

Tim Heitzman

Memorial Dance



## Dockmater Report -

There were some really low tides over Memorial Day weekend, starting Friday, May 24 with a -3.4, Saturday with a -3.7 finishing up Monday with a -3.5, then back to more normal tides. This made for a very steep ramp for our boaters. This was a big weekend for boaters, with 61 boats in the Marina Saturday night. A lot of folks made it to the dance and all had a great time. Thanks to Don Gill for helping sell dance tickets as we went from boat to boat on the water.

Monday morning the boaters had a Memorial Day ceremony which included the lowering of the flag during this memorial.

June is looking like a busy month with boats scheduled for each weekend.

Lynn Carr

## Mustard Seed Regatta

Well we had a good one this time. When we went down to breakfast the wind was piping through but then when we started the race the wind died and it looked like we were going to have a slow day. After a while the wind picked up and became strong and gusty. It was hard to manage at times but everyone had a great time. There were two classes First place in the Spinnaker Class was Gene Brown. I am sorry to say but I believe Gene is stuck in that place, maybe he needs help. Second place was won by Jim Copeland and crew using their new spinnaker for the first time.

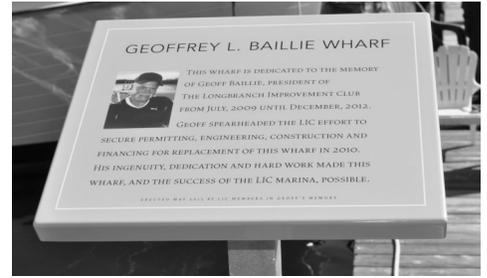
The Standard Sail Class was won by Mark Runions with a terrific run coming in second overall. Second was Ken St. John in 'Naughty by Nature' and third was Annie Littleton sailing 'Windsong'.

Most of us were quite tired after a tough race but everyone had smiles.

Pat Thompson  
Race Chairman



# Dock Breakfast and Wharf Dedication, May 4



Many people for Breakfast

The plaque for Geoff Baillie

The winners of the Raffle drawing (Hugh McMillan received the ship from Drew Gazabat)

Terry Lee, former Pierce County Councilman

# Memorial Weekend at the Marina



The Marina is full!

A little rain did not stop the fun.

Boats , boats and more boats!





# LIC Membership Report

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Mark your calendars for June 19 for our General Membership BBQ and Potluck at 6:30.

Many thanks to Kathy Bailey and Dick and Dee Scharf for hostessing and Trish Goodvin and Connie Copeland for greeting and selling raffle tickets at our May meeting. We had a great turnout and all enjoyed Dick Blumenthal's presentation on place names in the inland Washington waters.

We have had a busy few months at the LIC and so far LIC members have logged in 887 volunteer hours in 2013! These include 63 hours for the Pancake Breakfast in February, 40 hours for the Dock Breakfast and 87 hours for the Memorial Day Dance in May, 140 hours and counting for the Cookbook Committee (woo-hoo!), 51 hours for the "Blame Sally" concert, over 120 hours for work at the building and the marina, plus planning hours, gardening, vine cutting, placemat producing, recycling, road clean up, office work and more. You all deserve a hearty "Thank you" and many kudos for all the work you do to keep the LIC going and working on its mission to make our community a better place to live.

Our June meeting will be our ANNUAL BBQ. The LIC provides the hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, buns and all the condiments and you provide your favorite side dishes and desserts. The meeting will be brief and consist of election of officers and announcements. In addition, the building will be open at 5:30, so come early for extra "chat" time!

**We are so happy to welcome the following new members:**

Kim and Creighton Chaney  
Dorothy Heim  
Mark and Cindy Scott  
Joanna and Andy Stuen

Hope to see you all at the BBQ in June!

Jan Prichard  
Membership Chair

## Road Pickup -

We had an amazingly successful Road Pick Up on Saturday, May 11th. Ten individuals showed up and fortunately I had enough equipment for everyone. Our star "Roadies" are: Kathy Baily, Jan and Denny Prichard, Sheila and Bob Halligan, Connie and David Wick, Christy and Bert Sawyers, Joe Barrow, Sharon Gearhart and yours truly (Pat Muchmoe). Remarkably, it was a beautiful, sunny day and Sharon and I proceeded to give safety instructions to everyone and then take them to their assigned portions of the Key Peninsula Highway. Everyone deserves a great deal of credit and they did an awesome job. We'll probably have our next "outing" towards the end of June or whenever the Highway needs cleaning again. I will send out a notice ahead of time and if you would like to be a member of this elite crew, let me know ahead of time in order to have enough equipment for everyone. Thank you, again, to our crew!

Pat Muchmore

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