

**ADMIRAL'S COVE BEACH CLUB NEWSLETTER  
SUMMER 2017**

**WE ARE MOVING FORWARD!** We can probably all agree that the legal issues over the pool have lingered far too long. The Board instructed the attorneys appointed by the insurance company to come up with something to try and get it resolved once and for all. Toward that end, they have now filed a motion for summary judgment that seeks to have the Court declare that the May 2016 vote approving the pool assessment supersedes the 2013 vote and further that the 2013 vote was invalid on its face because it did not conform to the Bylaws. A copy of that motion is on the website for all to see. Any opposition to the motion filed by the Corliss group will also be posted on the website. The 2016 vote was and is the latest expression of a majority of the voting members of the Club and it should be honored and recognized. The Court has scheduled a hearing on that motion for Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Further developments will be posted on the website as well. In light of this, the Board is immediately terminating the program of returning pool assessment money to those who request it. It doesn't make sense to keep doing that and then turn right around and reissue statements for it.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:** The Social Committee continues to have Tuesday morning coffee from 10 a.m. to 12: noon. Join us for coffee, tea, goodies and conversation. A special thank you to those who helped make the 4<sup>th</sup> of July potluck successful. Because of busy schedules we will discontinue game night and movie night until this coming fall. On Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be having an End of Summer / Labor Day BBQ / Potluck with free swim at the pool so mark your calendar for that date. Bring a dish to share, the club will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and chicken and Dennis will be making his homemade root beer and ice cream. The BBQ / potluck will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. We look forward to seeing you.

**POOL OPERATIONS:** The pool officially opened for the summer on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to keep it open through Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, and longer if weather permits. As a "Limited Use Pool" for the 2017 season, lifeguards were not required under State or County regulations, but as has been done for the past few summers, the Board of Directors, out of a concern for safety, again hired lifeguards for peak swim times. Rules for the pool are set by State, County and Club regulations for your safety and enjoyment. The Pool Rules and Regulations are posted at the pool, on our Website "[acbc-whidbey.org](http://acbc-whidbey.org)", and a brochure is available at the pool as well. Children 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult 18 and over who stays in the pool with them. Children 6 to 12 must be accompanied by an adult 18 and over who remains in the pool area. Swim passes are always available to all ACBC members in Good Standing, (which means dues and fees are fully paid or on a payment plan), and their tenants. Families include: parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, spouses or partners. Members not in Good Standing may not swim even as a guest.

Associate ACBC Memberships are available for 2017 for \$200. All other fees apply. Swim scholarships are provided when funds are available. T shirts are available for purchase. *Donations are always appreciated.*

**Grounds and Buildings:** We've a total of four work parties so far this year. Our budget for this year was based on a good volunteer turnout, but until recently it's been pretty disappointing. Please watch for upcoming work parties and give your community a few hours of your time! Thanks to those who have consistently pitched in already. We also had a problem with several episodes of vandalism. The Sheriff's office fairly quickly identified those involved in smashing windows on the pool wall and the Board worked with the Sheriff's office to deal with them. That has now been worked out. Approximately eight plastic windows were broken, but have now been replaced. The dumpster was tagged with graffiti, but has been repainted. One of the outside restrooms was trashed, but that has been cleaned up as well. Mowing along lower Byrd has been talking place as needed and the trees have

been trimmed back from the roadway. The parking lot was graded again. We leveled the berm that has built up around the merry-go-round. The Merry-go-round has been lubed and is still waiting to be painted. A toddler swing was installed on the Swing set and the chains were replaced. Flowers were planted near the playground. Mowing is being done around the Shelter and volleyball area. We also help the pool committee when needed. The last weekend in July we had a great turnout for the wood splitting and stacking work party! Thirteen volunteers showed up and knocked it out. Now there are almost eight cords of wood stacked by the shelter for members and their guests to use in the fire pits! We should have enough now to last several years. Our thanks to the volunteers and also to the Cove Member who donated the wood and arranged for it to be hauled to the parking lot at no cost to the Club. Unfortunately, we've received reports that some of the wood is getting stolen. C'mon, People! **It's for the Community to enjoy at the shelter fire pits, so please leave it there.**

**WELCOME COMMITTEE:** We have compiled 9 pages of information, part of which is a "welcome to the neighborhood" letter. These will be printed and distributed to new members, both renters and buyers, so if you know of someone new in your neighborhood please email the Board and we will get it to them. More will be added in the future, as will greetings from local merchants. New buyers of lots may receive it electronically. ACBC owner Jill Cooper of Keeney's in Redmond has gifted us with 100 business cards, primarily to be used as we contact community members to donate to the welcome packet. Thank you, Jill! The 2017 t-shirts have arrived and are on display in the entrance hallway to the pool. This year we've added children's t-shirts. We can also special order long sleeved t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies for those who request them. Prices will be slightly higher for those items and will be posted on the website. We can order any sizes /styles you want, but we need to have orders for at least 12 items from one or more members before we can submit a special purchase order. We prepay so you will be asked to do so as well. We have paid taxes on the purchase. Since we are a non-profit, we ask you only for a donation: \$10 for the children's sizes and \$15 for adult sizes.

**THE LAKE COMMITTEE:** The Lake Ecology and Lake Outfall Committees are now one committee as a result of the bylaw change earlier this year. Our work so far this year has been largely focused on the best approach to replacing the 50+ year old outfall pipe that connects the lake to the Sound. The concern is that at this age its integrity might be compromised. We have engaged a local engineering firm to begin the process of advising us on the different ways to replace the pipe, and we have also identified a pipe firm and an environmental firm to help us. At some point the pipe may need to be replaced, which would be expensive and may require a special assessment. The broken pipe on the Sound side outfall has been repaired. Thanks to Marty Lull, Ed Delahanty, and Dennis Egan for their help with that. For the lake itself, we are weighing the best approach to help reduce the algae blooms that occur over the warmer months and have already started. It's not a problem that is unique to our lake, and every possible remedy has pros and cons. Right now we are seeing a lot of filamentous algae, which is unsightly but doesn't produce toxins, but not as much as last year. The algae we need to watch out for, and generally appears later in the summer, is the blue green algae. It looks like spilled paint on the water and can produce toxins, which happened last summer. If we see any signs of the blue green algae, we will send samples to the State for testing as we did last year. Nutrients in the water are a leading cause of the algae and they come from a variety of sources. The majority is contained in the sediment in the bottom of the lake in the form of phosphorus and nitrogen, but will also enter the lake through surface runoff and possibly from faulty septic systems. Waterfowl waste also contributes. It's important for residents of Admiral's Cove to minimize their use of fertilizers or to use phosphorus free fertilizer whenever possible. It's also important to have your septic system inspected periodically and repaired if needed. We will keep moving forward with efforts to make the lake cleaner and healthier. Please do enjoy the lake. It's wonderful to paddle on!