

### GOINGS ON AT ACBC!

- **New website:** acbc-whidbey.org Check for events and current news. Bylaws, Standing Rules, Board Minutes, consultant documents, Director contact information, and much more is posted here.
- **Also, Up-coming Social Activities!** Weekly Tuesday coffee, Radio Controlled Model Club and special events: end of pool season party, Halloween party, Christmas at the Cove, and more to come!
- **Pool Renovation** – We are moving forward with the help of project management consultant, Ron Young, to provide an accurate assessment of the project. He will give a presentation to the membership at the Annual Meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Restrooms** – Maintenance to upgrade these facilities is in the works.
- **Facility Planning** – The next step in the Long Range Planning process is evaluating pool building improvements. The Board is using 2013 consultant reports showing the legal, regulatory, and other constraints and considerations. There are a range of options to be considered before a plan is formed. Come and participate!
- **Lake** – The algae this year was potentially toxic and smelled bad. The outflow pipe to the beach is in tenuous shape. The Lake Ecology Committee is studying these issues. Testing is on going and remediation investigated.
- **Collections** – At the rate of today's dues, an amount equal to almost half of one year's dues remain unpaid (nearly \$40,000). This unpaid balance represents the accumulation over many years.
- **Ballot** – The deadline for your vote to change the Directors term of office from a 2 year to a 3 year term is January 2, 2016. The announcement of the results will be made at a Special Meeting at 2:00 PM on January 3, 2016 at the Shelter.



### BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

**We are working** to build up our Contingency Reserve Fund for advanced funding of major maintenance and improvements (see the Reserve Study on the web site). \$35,000 has been reserved as of year end 2015 and \$13,500 additional is planned in 2016. The intent is to minimize future assessments by pre-funding required work. **Four Directors are to be elected** in January, 2016. Ballots are included in this mailing. The Directors that will remain on the Board through 2016 are Ed Delahanty, Steve Morrow and Suzy Palmer. **ACBC Annual Meeting** will be again held at the Nordic Lodge on January 23, 2016 at 2 PM. The announcement and directions are included elsewhere in this mailing and on the website. **Please note the Board of Directors** use the official Island County Assessor's office records of deeds to verify membership in ACBC.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**The assessment for our pool renovation** will be mailed following the Annual Meeting. The Board will include payment options in the assessment proposal. **Proxy voting** is permitted for the Annual Meeting. Each member present may only vote one proxy. Forms can be downloaded from our web site. **In this mailing** you also received billing for your 2016 ACBC dues. The 9.99% increase will fund operation and maintenance of our facilities for 2016. **We all owe** a special thanks to all the volunteers who helped keep the pool operating successfully and in compliance with all regulations this past summer. A special thanks to **Dennis Egan and Darla Allen**.



### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**The Lake Ecology Committee** is asking that when you treat your lawn, please remember that runoff can carry fertilizers, weed killers and pesticides downhill into our lake. This may contribute to lake algae and aquatic plant growth. These plants use up the oxygen in the water that is needed by aquatic life. **Hints to help:**

- Use fertilizer sparingly
- Don't treat your lawn or garden right before a rainstorm.
- Use slow-release fertilizers and environmentally friendly products.
- Try non-chemical alternatives. Use compost, pull weeds by hand and use mulch.
- Ask for expert advice from Master Gardeners at your county WSU Extension.

### IMPORTANT EVENTS

There will be a **Holiday Party for the Children** on Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM at the Shelter. Hot chocolate for the children and eggnog for the adults will accompany treats from some of the talented bakers in Admirals Cove. Christmas music and holiday cheer will be in abundance. We have heard that Santa may stop on his journey down from the North Pole.



**ACBC Radio Controlled Model Club** will meet the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 AM until Noon in the Shelter. If you are interested in RC cars, boats, airplanes, drones or model rockets please bring your model, working or not. You will

have time to work on your model, maybe get some help and ideas from others, then run the cars in the parking lot and boats on the lake. No model, no problem, come and watch the fun or work on the huge RC model of the "Colin Archer" donated by Sid Iverson. When we finish this model, we plan to display it in the Shelter and on some nice days, sail it on the lake. So charge your batteries, bring your ideas and join us for some fun. We look forward to seeing you, come rain or shine.

### 2015 Board of Directors Contact Information

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**Summer memories** of family reunions, graduation celebrations and friends connecting marked the 2015 swim season as a success with **3,871** individual swims taking place. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped make this possible.

### Needed:

An ACBC Hardship Fund has been set up for those needing a hand with club assessment obligations. It has been minimally funded and we welcome any donations.

Licensed contractors are needed to volunteer time and materials for maintenance projects on Cove properties.

Volunteers are needed for Work Party Days to help us keep expenses down and our property safe and sound. Please keep posted on our web site for specific days and needs.