




Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 3 
10:00 am - BOD Meeting (Clubhouse)



Saturday, March 3
6:30 pm
GBC Chili Dinner & General Member Meeting

Club furnishes chili, condiments and drinks.
Members bring vegetable, salad or dessert.

Q&A **Sat, March 31**
10:00 am - GBC Road
Sealing Ballot Q&A Session

GBC Voting Notice - Road Sealing

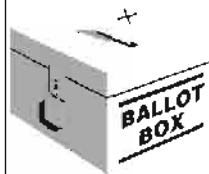
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Ballots Mailed: March 16
Q&A Session: 10 am - March 31
Last date to Vote Absentee: April 6
Ballots Counted: April 7 BOD Mtg *

Ballot Details:

Clean approx 125,406 sq ft of GBC roads, repair large cracks, apply Protec Tar-coal tar emulsion sealer with 2 lbs of sand added per gallon of sealer (resulting in a flat black finish). Patch holes and plumbing repairs with 3 tons of hot asphalt and 2 tons for road edge repair.

The bid was submitted by A-1 Asphalt Paving at a total cost of \$19,810.90 which will be paid from the club's Savings Fund.



* Members who have not submitted an absentee ballot will have an opportunity to vote at the April 7 meeting.

Only members in good standing on the record date may vote. Members and spouses are allowed one vote per family. Outcome of the vote shall be decided by a majority.



(Update) State of Texas takes steps to stop spread of zebra mussels

(edited from the Herald Democrat - Tues, Jan 31)

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is moving forward with rules to try and stop the spread of invasive species in Texas waterways. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission's Regulation Committee approved the next step for the rule on February 1.

The rules are targeted at zebra mussels and silver and bighead carp.

To address the mussels, the proposed regulations would require anyone leaving Lake Texoma, the Red River above and below the Denison Dam, and Lake Lavon to drain water from bait buckets, live wells, bilges and "any other water intake systems or containers before the use of a public roadway," as written in a department prepared statement.

To address the carp, the regulations would prohibit anyone from leaving specified bodies of water with live, non-game fish. The carp are potential competitors with native species for food and can have negative effects on aquatic ecosystems. The affected bodies of water for the carp are: the Red River below Lake Texoma, Big Cypress Bayou downstream of Ferrell's Bridge Dam on Lake O' the Pines including the Texas waters of Caddo Lake, and the Sulphur River downstream of the Lake Wright Patman dam.

Ken Kurzawski, TPWD regulation and programs director for the Inland Fisheries Division, said one of the changes that came out of the Denison scoping meeting that was incorporated into the recommendation to the committee is to allow boaters to go from boat ramp to boat ramp on Lake Texoma without having to drain their boats and bait buckets. Kurzawski said this would ease the regulations' impact on fishing guides and fishing tournament participants.

The next step in the process is for the official public comment period to begin. Kurzawski said that will include a public hearing in the Sherman/Denison area as well as comments accepted in writing or by phone. The exact date for the public meeting has not been set yet, but Kurzawski said it would likely be in late February or early March. Public comments can also be directed to Kurzawski at ken.kurzawski@tpwd.state.tx.us or by phone at 512-389-4591.

Welcome New Members!



Welcome **Gary & Janie Lewis** of Gainesville, TX



It's a family thing! We're now doubly blessed with Lewis! We've got Gary Dale Lewis, the son, and now Gary Lewis, the dad.

Congratulations to Gary & Janie Lewis who are purchasing improvements from Ken & Carla Rainbolt (#70). Gary is retired from the railroad and Janie works part time as the Business Mgr for the Callisburg ISD.

They are the parents of three grown children and several grand children (many of them now living across the street).

In accordance with Article IV, Section D, Approval of Application The Application shall first be reviewed and approved and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. If approved by the Board, such Application shall then be submitted to the Membership in the *Sea Belle*, or in such other manner as the Board shall direct. Upon submission, such Application shall be deemed approved provided all fees have been paid with good funds.



BOD Meeting February 4, 2012

10 club members and all board members were in attendance

Opening & Motions

- Commodore Frank Conner moderated and Reba Bilderback opened with prayer.

Treasurer's Report (Tim Leach)

- Submitted 2012 budget to BOD.
- Noted largest expense for January was property taxes.

Park Chm Report (Herman Greene)

- Installed two tires on the rear of the GBC truck and repaired RF tractor tire. Thanks to Jimmy Owens for donating the two tires for the truck and one for the club trailer.
- John made a new water intake grate between lots 15 & 16 that had been damaged by large trucks driving over it.
- Obtained a new Tax Exempt Certificate from the Comptroller's Office and submitted proof of exemption at J&I, Foxworth, etc. and we are now tax free at all locations.
- Gate would not open with clickers on 1/25. Contacted serviceman and he discovered our antenna was a length of bailing wire. Gave us two antennas (one for future use) and a spare relay box that will be stored in the WCB.
- Thanks to Gary King for helping measure the 487' on the shoreline cliff and also to John Shobe for donating a color monitor that will connect to the security camera.

Membership Comm (Barbara Denison)

- Approved application for membership submitted by Gary & Janie Lewis (Lot 70), purchasing improvements from Ken & Carla Rainbolt.

Activities Comm (Sandy Pool)

- Everything is set for the Chili Dinner with Tim and Debbie Leach serving as our cooks.

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Tues, Mar 6 - 7:00 p.m.
SS Neighborhood Watch Meeting
SS Baptist Church

Old Business (cont')

- Waiting on approval letter from Corps to dump broken cement from Lot C south past the pavilion and restrooms, then top with granite to dress up the shoreline.

(Update) Herman received a phone call from Tulsa on February 10 awarding us the permit. We will have one year from the date of the letter to complete the work.



- Motion made and approved to send out ballot for sealing and repairing the club roads. The ballot will be mailed March 16 and votes counted at the April 7 BOD meeting.

New Business

- None.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

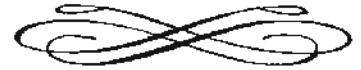
Respectfully submitted,
Reba Bilderback, GBC Secy

NOTICE

BOD Presentation Requirements

"In order to allow sufficient time to study the matter and gather further information, if necessary, this Board of Directors is requesting that **any member presenting an item for vote** at a Board Meeting must present a written proposal with any details (i.e., pictures or description) to the Board **two weeks prior to the Board Meeting** in which it is to come to a vote."

The GBC Board of Directors
June 15, 2009



GBC Quick Reference

Dues Effective (1/1/03)

Monthly \$75.00 Qtly \$225.00
Semi-Annual \$450.00 Yearly \$900.00
Membership Fee: \$3,000

Mail dues to:

Gainesville Boat Club, Inc.
38 Elm St
Gordonville, TX 76245

Treasurer Email Address:
tr15@charter.net

2011 Board of Directors

Commodore ...Frank Conner (#71)
Vice Commodore ...Dale Anderson (#20)
DirectorSandy Pool (#54)
Membership ... Barbara Denison (#21)
Park ChmHerman Greene (#63)
Treasurer Tim Leach (#77)
Secretary Reba Bilderback (#96)

GBC Web Site: www.gbctexoma.com

GBC Email Address: reba_sue@verizon.net

Security Stickers: Reba Bilderback (#96)
or Herman Greene (#63)

Gate Openers, Access Problems & Yellow Visitor Cards

Herman Greene - 940-736-3477
Openers are \$35 each

To allow access, press #9 on your home phone

Clubhouse/Pavilion/RV Reservations:

Sign up on calendar in clubhouse or use "Reservations" link on website

Clubhouse or Pavilion - \$25/day (exclusive use)
RV Parking - \$7.50/day
Payable to Treasurer or put in Clubhouse Drop Box

Keys to Pavilion, Clubhouse & Restrooms:

Herman Greene (#63)
or Reba Bilderback (#96)

7th Annual
Arctic Blast
featuring the
POLO BEAR PLUNGE
Lake Texoma's Premier Winter Event

This event benefits
Western Grayson County Special Olympics
and 4 West Texoma Volunteer Fire Departments

It's a Blast for a Cause!

Polar Registration
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Eskimo Park & Pole Games
2:00 - 4 p.m.
Take part in the year's fun & noisy pole games for youth and adult. Plus live entertainment and more at this carnival atmosphere.



Snowball Social Hour
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Crisp and hot drinks, live entertainment

Arctic Blast
Dinner & Dance
6:00 p.m.
(tickets required)

The very popular local band Blue Jewel leading the Arctic Blast. Enjoy a great evening that includes a wonderful live-in dinner and night of dancing.

Happening at Cedar Mills Marina
on Lake Texoma
12 Miles North of Whitesboro
www.lakehouseoflodge.com



"This Plunge
5:00 p.m.
Are you ready to take a winter L
(unplanned) dip? Support
your favorite cause. Plunge
are them come ready
them do set their!"

Silent Auction
5:00 p.m.
Silent Auction items include
Gift Certificates, Art, Home,
Boat Packages and Much More!

Blue-Green Algae Advisory

Blue-green algae test results taken Jan. 11 at Lake Texoma show levels still exceed the advisory level. Therefore, the lake-wide advisory remains in effect. At the advisory level, body contact with the water is discouraged. The lake is OPEN to boating and fishing. Fish should be cleaned well and entrails should be discarded, but fish are fine to consume. Check the [USACE Tulsa District website](#) and the [USACE Tulsa District Facebook page](#) for updates.

Red River History - The Wanderer (the rest of the story)

Coincidentally after I published last month's article on the Texoma Paddle boats, I ran across an article published in the *Herald Democrat* on July 27, 2008, with a photo of The Wanderer. It's definitely impressive, but not nearly what I imagined from the written description.

Actually the story of The Wanderer didn't end with its sinking on February 25, 1949. In fact, the Internet is filled with details of the court trials that followed between the owners and the insurance company.

The insurance company refused to pay the \$40,000 for which the boat was covered. The company won the first round of a long, drawn-out court battle that eventually took it all the way to the Supreme Court with a Denison attorney.

The Supreme Court ruled that the two lower courts had "erred in basing their decision on maritime rather than Texas law," so on May 31, 1957, the Wilburn brothers were awarded \$40,000 plus six percent interest from the date the craft sank. This was more than eight years after the suit was filed.

Apparently the battle didn't end after the Supreme Court decision since the case showed back up in the US Court of Appeals on March 23, 1962, with Fireman's Fund Insurance claiming misrepresentation and concealment by the Wilburn brothers that the vessel was going to be used to carry passengers. The judgement for that trial was made for the plaintiff, Fireman's Fund Insurance leading me to believe they never collected the \$40,000.



The Wanderer, Lake Texoma's first excursion boat went down in flames in 1949.

The land surrounding Lake Texoma was originally roamed by Native Americans.

The county is home to the famous Preston Road, a major pioneer road crossing the Red River into Texas. Just to the east of Preston Road was the Shawnee Trail, the first cattle drive road in Texas. This cattle trail crossed the Red River in a natural rock formed cattle chute and herds passed through the Indian Nations in Oklahoma to reach the railheads in Kansas.

Another boat of interest on Texoma was one acquired by the U.S. Engineers Corps not long after the lake was filled. The 70 foot yacht was named for George Moulton who at that time had been called "the father of Lake Texoma" for his diligence in working to make the lake happen. At that time it was one of 10 cruisers in a fleet operated by the Engineers.

The boat was said to have been the private yacht of William Randolph Hearst, well known publishing giant, and that he had entertained the movie star Marian Davies on the yacht. It also was rumored that it was used by Frank Buck on one of his African safaris.

When the engineers moved their district office to Tulsa, most of the boats went with them, but the Moulton was too big and expensive to maintain. It was later pulled from Texoma and taken to Madill where it was anchored in front of the O.O. Remington Grill Restaurant until it was acquired by a West Texas rancher, taken to his Red River Ranch and set up as a guest house.

Unfortunately some of the story surrounding the George Moulton turned out to be a hoax. When the new owner of the boat wanted a reporter from the *Herald Democrat* to write a story about the boat and put it in booklet form, he checked with the Brooklyn boat yards where it was built and learned it wasn't William Randolph Hearst, but another Hearst who ordered the boat and it was never used by the publisher to entertain movie stars or Frank Buck.

The second largest privately owned boat during that time was a 55 ft cabin cruiser owned by Earl J. Miller. Miller built his cruiser in the backyard of his grocery store at 301 W Dulin in Sherman and getting the cruiser to Texoma for launching was no simple matter. It was described as "a tortuous overland trek from Sherman in a June 5, 1945, article in *The Denison Herald*.

Mounted on special house-moving rollers, fitted with rubber tires, the Miller boat began its slow journey from its backyard "dry dock" to the lake that morning with one large truck towing the 36,000 lb cruiser and another attached to the rear to serve as a brake. The very unusual caravan inched through Denison going north on Armstrong Ave, that was Hwy 75 at the time, to Morton St, then west out Hwy 91 to the launching pad.

The cruiser was named the "Viola" for Miller's wife. It was launched without problems and passed a double check by the Coast Guard and inspection to quality for insurance.

The unofficial maiden voyage was to the west side of Preston Peninsula to a strip of waterfront where he intended to build a dock.

The cruiser was capable of sleeping 10 people and could take 75 more for a spin around the lake. It was 14 ft high and 14 ft wide, powered by a 250 hp marine gasoline motor expected to have a top speed of 12 mph with a fuel capacity good for 12 hours.

The boat was launched one year after the Denison Dam was dedicated during a time when a lot of boaters wanted to get in on the ground floor since the lake was drawing so much attention as the "Playground of the Southwest"

Cabins for Sale

Membership in the Gainesville Boat Club is through application only. If using a realtor, it is imperative that the application committee be involved early in the process since the applicant must be approved before the sale is final.

For assistance, contact the Membership Chairman:

Barbara Denison
Ph: 903-523-5158
121 Lake Shore Rd
Gordonville, TX 76245



email: cbdenisongbc@yahoo.com



Lot 27 (158 Oak St) - Lake view from kitchen sink and upper balcony, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, double carport. **\$139,000 or cash trade for rental property.** Contact Casey Page at 214-293-2950.



Lot 59 (69 Elm St) - 2 bdrm, 1 bath, carport. **\$65,000.** Contact Gary Dale Lewis (The Real Estate Co) at 940-668-8523 or 940-736-6072. MLS Listing #11328905

Cabins For Sale (cont'd)



Lot 74 (86 Cottonwood Dr) - 3 bdrm, 2 bath, carport. **\$94,000.** Contact Gary Dale Lewis (The Real Estate Co) at 940-668-8523 or 940-736-6072. MLS Listing #11657420



Lot 76 (107 Cedar St) - 2 bdrm, 2 bath, living room, **\$89,000.** Contact Butch Smith at 903-816-3754 (leave message)



Lot 89 (487 Lake Shore Rd) - Home in need of many repairs on beautiful treed lot. **\$49,000.** Contact Julie Willis at 580-564-1100 or 580-564-2103.

Cabins for Sale (with photos) can also be viewed on our website at:
<http://www.gbctexoma.com>
Click on: **Cabins for Sale**

Classifieds

Boston Whaler Outrage - 18 ft with galvanized trailer. Hull and trailer in good condition -- needs new engine.

Contact Melvyn Douglas at 214-520-1300 or email mld@melvyndouglas.com

The GBC "Vulture Tree" - 1/30/2012
(tree in the creek behind Lot F)



Participate in the **Cedar Mills Arctic Blast Silent Auction**
6pm - Feb 18
Golf Pkg, Art, Spa Treatment and much more

Benefiting four fire departments and the West End Special Olympics



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The sealant recommended in the upcoming vote will extend the life of the roads 4-5 years and provide an affordable repair since our roads already have a good 2-3" base (sample below).



Following are a few examples of holes and plumbing work that will be repaired during the road sealing process.



GBC Photos from Our Past



Finding old photos of the club is no easy task, so I was pleasantly surprised when I came across these recently in my parent's photo album.

The timeframe is between 1961-67 (based on some others in the same book) and there had to have been an extended drought to grow weeds that large. The original slough was very shallow and dried up often according to charter member Harold Zunk. He said they moved some of the docks from the old site and they were in the area southeast of the loading ramp where Randy Briscoe's boat house is located. When they came in from fishing, it wasn't uncommon for them to clean their fish on the dock while they stood in the water.

What you see in the photo is pretty much what there was of the lakefront at the time. The pavilion, fishing dock, swim dock and the harbor were all completed in the 1960's. The slough problem was resolved in February 1967 when the BOD made a motion to "proceed in a logical and orderly fashion" to clean out the club harbor inlet. The membership voted to borrow \$5,000 to cover the cost of three boat docks, a second water well and the harbor dredging. Club members signed a guarantee to make payments of \$100 to secure the loan.

The work started immediately and dirt from the dredging was spread in low spots on club lots and in the park area north and south of the pavilion. Grass seeds were sown and fertilized in the pavilion area to minimize muddy conditions during rainy weather.

Growth and progress requires money, so in May 1967 the dues were increased to \$10/month for members with lots and \$8/month for members without lots.

(Portions contributed by Harold Calvert who makes my job a lot easier. Thanks!)

GBC Service Directory

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Air Conditioning/Heating Repair

Hesse-Schmiedejan Heating & A/C - 940-612-4328
 Lake Aire Heat & Air - 903-786-2737 (Pottsboro)
 Roy Hawkins - 903-523-4406 (h), 903-818-0924 (c)
 Charles Dozeman - 903-564-6823
 (email charles@climatecontrolnow.com)

Animal Control

County Pick-up - 903-465-2878, Ext 240
 (no charge removal of stray animals)



Appliances Used & Repairs

Don Wilson - 940-668-7944 / 214-362-9048 (pg)

Auto Repair

Carl Tims' Bumper-to-Bumper Auto Repair Shop
 903-523-5459 or 903-818-1735 (mobile)

Cable Company

TV Cable of Grayson Co - 888-304-7477

Chimney/Fireplace Cleaning & Repair

Chimney Sweeps (Tommy) - 903-465-9741 (Denison)

CODEDRED



<http://gbctexoma.com/> (link on 1st page)

Computer (PC only) New Sales & Service

NSYST Technologies, Inc (Kathy McCord)
 214-662-7290 - Computer Sales & Maintenance

Custom Cabinets

Krahl Woodwards (Gary Krahl) - (ref Jann Shobe)
 940-665-4034 or 940-736-8441
 Marott Contractors (Scott Stock) - (ref Jann Shobe)
 214-668-0230 - Kitchen Remodels & Custom Cabinets
 (relocating to Gordonville in 2011)

Construction (Handymen)

Bob Alexander - 903-564-5559
 Tim Bilderback - 903-821-9119 (GBC Mbr)
 Donnie Hudson - 903-564-3497
 Jeff Richardson - 903-651-6238 (ref Kathy Thompson)
 Greg Tate - 903-523-4858
 Will Meek - 903-564-7082 (ref Jim Faulconer)

Electrical & Plumbing Supplies

Keith Hall (adjacent to Riddels Marne) - Hwy 901 & 377

Emergency Services



Subscription-Based Air Ambulance
 Ph 1-800-793-0010
 Website www.lifeteam.net

Fishing Guides

Double R Guide Service - 817-307-5443
 Four Seasons Guide Svc - 903-465-5262 (ref B Carter)

Golf Cars (Sales & Maintenance)

All-States Sales & Svc (Custom Acc) - 940-665-1700
 Doug's Corner - 903-564-9050
 Durant Golf Cars Sales & Svc - 580-924-8549

Gutters, Downspouts & Drains

Rescue Rain Gutters - 903-814-2766

Haircuts

Kate's Beauty Barn - 903-818-5948
 (schedule appts at www.styleseat.com)

High Speed Internet (DSL)

Venzon - 903-436-0469 (William Hoeng)

House Cleaning

Amanda Richardson - 903-651-6341 (ref Kathy Thompson)
 Sherry Weaver - 903-523-5910

Landscaping Services

Layla Brown - 903-815-2065 (ref Vanette Powell)

Lawn Mowing

Chris Bilderback - 903-523-4873 (GBC Mbr)
 Lonnie Thornton - 903-523-4101 (email lthorn1548@aol.com)
 Kevin West - 903-651-1497

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Service Directory (cont'd)

Marine Services (service & supplies)

Randy Riddels - 903-523-5900 (ref Jim Osborne)

Newspaper Delivery

Dallas Morning News - 903-564-4834
 Herald Democrat - 903-893-8181

Notary Public

Pam Nelms - 129 Yorkshire - 903-523-4082



Pest Control

All County Pest Control - 940-390-3395 (ref C Demson)
 Phoenix Pest Solutions (Brad Hackbart) - 940-372-9154 (ref JoAnn Holson)
 Neighborhood Pest Control - 903-564-6831

Power Washing

No Texas Power Washing - Greg Riddles
 903-891-1411 or 903-267-0180 (c)

Realtor

Sue Cogdell - (The Real Estate Co) - 940-390-3264 (c), 903-564-3989 (off)
 Gary Dale Lewis (" " " ") - 940-736-6072 (c), 940-668-8523 (off)

Red Cross

Bobby Jolls - 903-821-7313 (c), 903-523-9103 (h)



Rock, Gravel, Sand, Septic

Roy Bragg - 903-523-5185
 Jack Bush - 903-523-6026 (sand, gravel)
 Justin Clements - 903-815-3731 (gravel work only)
 Jerry Johnson - 903-564-6720, 903-267-0618 (c)

Satellite TV

DirecTV Local Tech - Steve Duran - 580-795-4154

Screen Printing

Red River Screen Printing - 903-465-5111 (ref B Carter)

Septic

Advantage Septic - 903-814-9244 (ref K Moran)
 Texoma Vaccum - 903-564-3374

Storm Shelters

Flat Safe com - 1-866-520-FLAT (3528)

Towing (Boat)

TowBoat U S - 903-267-0767 (Capt Joe Winner)

Tree Carving

Critter Creek Carvings (Troy Sutton) - 580-920-4743 (ref J)

Tree Cutting

Bruce Alexander (GBC Mbr) - 214-789-8329
 Chuck Pembleton - 817-723-4773 (On-Site Log Cutting, Buys & Sells Lumber) (ref Jim Osborne)

Upholstery - Boat Canvas, Bimini Tops, Interiors, etc.

Picky Stitch - 903-523-5756, 903-819-1107 (c) (ref B Carter)
 Reynolds Upholstery - 903-523-5356, 903-819-6625 (c)

Utilities

GCEC - 903-472-7100 (Automated Response 903-482-7111)



Welding

Westbilt Landscaping - 903-651-1497

March Birthday

- 3/2 - Jim Gale (#66)
- 3/3 - Lawanda Buckner (#39)
- 3/3 - Vanette Powell (#62)
- 3/3 - Randy Grissom (#59)
- 3/4 - Betty Nation (#32)
- 3/7 - Cheri Greene (#63)
- 3/7 - Travis McAdams (#40)
- 3/10 - Terri King (#25)
- 3/12 - Gordon Buckner (#39)
- 3/15 - Brandi Elder (#1)
- 3/19 - Karla Hutcherson (#7)
- 3/20 - Kathy Miller (#46)
- 3/24 - Barbara Bilderback (#73)
- 3/28 - Debbie Burns (#57)
- 3/28 - Erma Yokley (#7)
- 3/29 - Frank Conner (#71)

Water Usage (Gallons)

Pumped: 252,300 gal (Jan)

Daily Avg: 8,138 gal

Jan 2011 total: 268,900

Dec - 264,900 - 8,544 avg
 Nov - 315,500 - 10,515 avg

Lake Report - Tuesday, 2/14/12

Elev: 615.83 (up 2.5)
Water Temp: 48 deg (down from 50)
Yesterday's Temp: High 45, Low 33
Lake Conditions: 903-465-1491

Corp Web Site:

<http://www.stw-wc.usace.army.mil/DENILakepage.html>