

Year 2017

South Wilmington Firemen's  
Beach And Park Club

Rules & By-Laws

**\*\* MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE REQUIRED TO BE PAID BY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> \*\***

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE ALL THE CHANGES IN THE RULES & BY-LAWS \*\*\***

This booklet is designed to serve as a guide for members of the South Wilmington Firemen's Beach and Park Club to help make it safe and enjoyable for all members.

If you have any questions regarding any of the Club rules and/or By-Laws please feel free to contact the office or a member of the Board of Directors for clarification.

All other changes in the Club rules and/or By-Laws will be posted.

**MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT**

1. Membership dues and assessments **MUST BE** paid by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. A \$50.00 late fee will be assessed from March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>. After April 1<sup>st</sup>, your membership will be **Terminated**. Dues can be mailed to:

South Wilmington Firemen's  
Beach and Park Club  
P.O. Box 201  
South Wilmington, Illinois 60474

or paid in person at the Club office (**ONLY** checks or money orders will be accepted at the Club office). Your membership **WILL NOT** be considered renewed until your check clears the bank. Gate cards are reused each year and once your dues have been paid your card will be reactivated for the upcoming season.

2. A Senior Discount is available to any Member and/or spouse who is 65 years of age or older and has been a member of the Club, in good standing, for 10 years or more, as of March 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year. In order to obtain this discount, you will need to provide proof of your date of birth (Birth Certificate, Drivers License, State I.D. or any other legal document) at the time your dues are paid. Failure to provide this documentation will result in Full Dues being assessed.
3. Children of members who turn 18 prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> of the upcoming season will have the opportunity to obtain their own membership for the same initiation fee that their parents paid plus the annual dues. These

children **MUST** join prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. After April 1<sup>st</sup> they will be required to pay the full initiation fee, annual dues as well as late charges. Children of members who turn 18 after March 1<sup>st</sup> of the upcoming season will be given the opportunity to obtain their own membership for the same initiation fee that their parents paid plus the annual dues.

4. Lost or stolen cards **MUST BE** reported to the Club Office immediately (remember your name is associated to it). A \$50.00 charge will be assessed for all replacement cards. This charge will be refunded if you find your card and upon return of the card.
5. Extra cards are available for a fee of \$5.00 and **MUST BE** ordered and paid for with your membership dues. Only **ONE** extra card is allowed per membership. **NO** extra card will be allowed to memberships with only one parent or single members.
6. Gate cards are assigned to the member, any use of the card by anyone other than the Membership holder will result in **Suspension/Termination** of the Membership.
7. Members who by any conduct cause dissension or trouble in the Club are subject to membership termination.
8. Persons who have been convicted as sex Offenders, as defined in Illinois Statues, may not be Members.  
On April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 **The South Wilmington Firemen's Beach & Park Club** adopted a By Law Amendment which Forbids the Membership of any persons who have been convicted of being a Sex Offender, as defined in Illinois Statues. Current Memberships that have been previously issued to persons who have been convicted as Sex Offenders will be terminated. In addition, the Club will also be Conducting Background Checks to be performed on all Members in coordination with **The Sheriff's Department of Grundy County**. All Members **over** the age of 18 **must** provide the following information: their Full Name (printed & signed), Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy), and Driver License Number (if applicable). By signing your name the member is giving the South Wilmington Firemen's Beach & Park Club permission to perform a background check. Failure to provide the required information and failure to sign this form will result in Termination of the Membership.
9. Members who get married must contact the Club Office and provide a copy of the Marriage Certificate.
10. Members of the service who were Club members prior to their entrance into the service must continue their membership for \$5.00/year and provide proof of service status. Upon their

- discharge they must reinstate their Membership for the amount of the current annual dues.
11. Members who continue their education (>12 semester hours) will be assessed \$5.00 for dues for any subsequent years so long as proof from the College is provided at the time payment of their dues is made. Dues **WILL NOT** be accepted without this proof.
  12. Members in good standing who divorce will have the option to continue on with separate Memberships. Both Members need to contact the Club for details within one year of the finalized divorce.
  13. Family members over 18 years of age wishing to join need to contact the Club Secretary.
  14. Your membership card will be required to access and depart the Club. Only one car must attempt to pass through the gate at a time. Damages caused by improper usage of the gates are the responsibility of the Club Member.
  15. Each Club member is responsible for the conduct of their guests and **MUST** ensure that each guest is registered and signs in on the guest sign in form which is located at the front gate. Additionally, you **MUST** provide your current Guest Card to the Gate Guard so it can be punched. Each Club Member may bring ten guests into the Club each year. Immediate Members of the family (father, mother, sister, brother, child, grandchild, grandmother, grandfather, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, grandfather-in-law, grandmother-in-law) are exempt from being counted towards the Members 10 Guest limit.
  16. No family member under 18 years of age may bring guests into the Club.
  17. No guests are allowed on Sundays and/or Holidays without written approval from a Board Member. The only exceptions to this rule will be the Immediate Members of the family of the Club Member (father, mother, sister, brother, child, grandchild, grandmother, grandfather, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, grandfather-in-law, grandmother-in-law).
  18. Guests are **NOT** allowed to be in the Club without the member being present.
  19. Members must seek permission from the Club to have a family reunion. **PRIOR** permission **MUST BE** requested and granted **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Requests for reunions must be submitted to the Club a minimum of three weeks prior to the requested date. A \$100.00 deposit fee will be required prior to the scheduling of any reunion, then so long as all Club rules and detailed instructions

- on the request form are followed the deposit fee will be refunded.  
Reunions are defined as 10 guests or more, held under the Pavilion, any less, will be applied towards your 10 guest per year membership limit.
20. Children over 5 years of age **MUST** obtain an I.D. card to gain admittance to the Club without a parent (The Gate Guard **WILL** request that the child show this card prior to being allowed admittance into the Club). The cost for the I.D. card is \$1.00/card and they **MUST BE** ordered when your dues are paid. Please state the name, age, and sex of each child a card is requested for. Upon receiving the I.D. card please laminate a current photo of your child on it. This card may be repossessed if the child does not follow Club rules. If this card is repossessed, a replacement card **WILL NOT** be issued.
  21. All guests must leave the Club by 10 p.m.
  22. Members who relocate out of state and wish to maintain their membership may do so for a period of up to five years. Contact the Club Secretary for details.

#### **FISH DEPARTMENT**

1. Club Members must abide by the Fish and Game Codes of Illinois.
2. There is a limit on fish caught. Walleye-2, Perch-10, Trout-4, Catfish-4 per family, Bass-6. All Bass taken must be no less than 10" or more than 14".
3. Please register all fish at the fish station. Fish are restocked periodically based upon this information.
4. Jugging and throwlines will be allowed in Incline Three only, with permission from the fish committee.
5. Members must clearly display their boat decal on **ALL** boats.
6. A Life Jacket or belt **MUST BE** worn while in any boat and all state regulations must be complied with. Lifejackets that require a cord to be pulled to activate are prohibited.
7. Fishing Derby date(s) will be posted at the main gate.
8. **NO** adult fishing including ice fishing is allowed in Stoney(Kid's) Lake. If caught, your membership will be terminated.
9. **ALL** Ice fishermen **MUST** wear a safety floatation device.
10. **NO** motorized vehicles are allowed on frozen lakes.

## BOAT AND DOCK DEPARTMENT

1. Members with Boat Docks will be charged **\$25.00** annually and required to sign a lease agreement. The lease agreement, proof of insurance as well as all fees **MUST BE** returned in order for your membership to be considered renewed. Failure to remit any of the above required items will force us to remove your property from the Club at your expense.
2. Prior permission **MUST BE** obtained from the Boat & Dock committee before performing any repairs on or selling of your dock.
3. Members with permanent or temporary speed boat passes will be charged **\$25.00** annually and **MUST** present proof of insurance (minimum \$300,000.00) to the Club Office by **June 1<sup>ST</sup>** of each year or your boat permit **WILL BE** canceled **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. Boat and dock owners must comply with rules and regulations of boat committee and IDOC regulations or membership will be terminated.
5. All boats (ski, fishing, sailboats, etc.) **MUST** have a valid IDOC Sticker, card number and **CURRENT** Club sticker affixed to them **IN CLEAR VIEW.**
6. Canoes, kayak's, paddle boats and all other watercraft that do not have a motor or sail are required to have a Water Usage Stamp, card number and current Club sticker affixed to them **IN CLEAR VIEW.**
7. ONLY trolling motors are allowed in Incline One, **THIS IS A NO WAKE AREA.**
8. Absolutely no swimming will be allowed off of the docks, if you are caught your membership will be terminated.
9. Absolutely no electric may be pulled to the docks.
10. Boats shall use extreme caution and minimize speeds while passing by fishing and swimming areas. All boats **SHALL** respect the **NO WAKE RULE** across from the Beach and in Incline One.
11. A floatation device or vest **MUST BE** worn by **ALL** people in the boat.
12. Docks and the areas around them must be kept clean, neat, and in good physical repair. The owner's name **MUST BE** posted on the dock.
13. Adult supervision must be maintained while children are on the docks.
14. The lakes will be patrolled to ensure the rules are being followed.
15. No swimming is allowed anywhere other than the Beach area.
16. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in any boat.
17. Temporary, registered ski-boats are

allowed in the Club Mon-Fri (excluding holidays). You must contact the Club Office and provide proof of Insurance. You **MUST** have the sticker provided by the club which identifies your boat as having provided the club with the proper information to allow you to utilize your boat on the weekdays affixed to the boat in clear view.

18. **NO** boats will be allowed in the Club without a current IDOC sticker.
19. Manufacturer's recommended loading capacities must be adhered to.
20. Members cannot loan out their boats.
21. Maximum allowed boat length is 22 ft.
22. Pontoons cannot pull/tow anything.
23. **NO** boats are allowed in Stoney(Kid's) Lake.
24. **NO** motorized vehicles are allowed on frozen lakes.
25. As of July 1, 2013 Kid's under the age 18 have to attend a boater's safety class in order to operate a water vessel.

#### **BEACH DEPARTMENT**

1. The beach officially opens Memorial Day and closes on Labor Day. Open 10 a.m.- 8 p.m., weather permitting.
2. Swimming will be allowed only within the established boundaries of the beach while the lifeguard(s) are on duty. Swimming is prohibited in all other areas of the Club.
3. Regulation swim suits, trunks and showers are required before entering the water.
4. All children under the age of 12 **MUST BE** accompanied by an adult.
5. Every hour the lifeguard will signal for a ten-minute break. All persons must come out of the water. This allows everyone time to rest and regroup.
6. The lifeguard must be obeyed at all times regarding water and beach safety. Failure to cooperate with the lifeguards will result in termination of your membership.
7. Picnicing is prohibited on the beach.
8. Swimming lessons are offered each summer. Dates and times will be posted at the beach prior to lessons.
9. **NO** eating, drinking or smoking is allowed on the beach.
10. **NO** alcohol is allowed in the Beach area.
11. All posted Beach rules **MUST BE** followed.

#### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

1. Club road speed limits are 20 mph on the hard surfaced roads and 10 mph on the gravel roads this will be **strictly enforced**. Please drive carefully and be alert for small

- children and wildlife.
2. Parking is prohibited in boat launch areas.
  3. **ONLY** Licensed motorcycles and licensed drivers are permitted in the Club and then **ONLY** on improved roads.
  4. Minibikes as well as all other non-licensed cycles including motor scooters are prohibited on Club property.
  5. Only licensed **CLUB MEMBERS** may operate Four & Six Wheel ATV's, Golf Carts, snowmobiles or any other type of motorized vehicles in the Club. These vehicles are permitted to be operated on improved Club roadways **ONLY**.
  6. Four & Six Wheel ATV's, Golf Carts & snowmobiles **MUST BE** registered, insured and display in clear view a current Club decal and card number. Additionally, the above vehicles **MUST** have a operating brake light and operating front and rear lights to be operated on Club roads.
  7. **No** vehicles may be operated off improved roadways in the club.
  8. Teenagers are prohibited from driving, walking or cycling around the Club after dark without an accompanying adult member.
  9. Impaired drivers of any motorized vehicle being operated in the Club **WILL BE** subject to **IMMEDIATE termination** of their Membership.
  10. **ABSOLUTELY NO** drinking of any alcoholic beverages will be tolerated while driving or riding in any motorized vehicle being operated in the Club, this also includes riding in or on any trailer or other vehicle being pulled behind it.

#### **WINTER SPORTS**

1. An ice skating pond is located at the East end of the main road.
2. **NO** Ice fishing is allowing in Stoney Lake.

#### **GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT**

1. Any building or construction **MUST BE** pre-approved by the appropriate committee or the Board of Directors.
2. All trash **MUST BE** placed in the containers provided along the main roads.
3. Alcoholic beverages are not prohibited, but drunkenness **WILL NOT** be tolerated.
4. **NO** alcoholic beverages are allowed on the beach or in or around the change houses.
5. Cars must be parked within the

- fenced area.
6. **NO** glass containers are allowed in and around the Beach area.

#### **TRAILERS/CABINS**

1. All cabins and permanently installed trailers will be charged **\$225.00** annually and required to sign a lease agreement. The lease agreement as well as all fees **MUST BE** returned with proof of insurance in order for your membership to be considered renewed. Failure to remit any of the above-required items will force us to remove your property from the Club at your expense.
2. Prior permission **MUST BE** obtained before performing any repairs to your cabin or trailer.
3. **NO** outside toilets are allowed.
4. Cabins and trailers failing to meet the lease agreement rules will be subject to charges from the Club to correct such problems as well as possible lease termination.
5. As of March 1, 1998 **NO** selling, replacement or changing of ownership will be permitted for permanent cabins, campers or trailers located in Muddy Hollow.

#### **CAMPERS/TENTS**

1. Campers **MUST BE** registered annually, at the Club Office. Providing proof of Liability Insurance and the signing of a camping agreement are also required. A Club sticker will then be affixed to the Camper. No camper will be allowed to Camp in the Club without a current Club Sticker.
2. Camping season begins on March 31<sup>st</sup> and ends on October 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. All campers and tents **MUST** check in at the front gate upon arrival indicating the area/place and duration of stay.
4. All campers and tents **WILL BE** charged a daily fee for camping regardless of which area is chosen and this amount **MUST BE** paid at the admittance time to the Club. Failure to pay fees on time will result in late charges being assessed.
5. All campers and tents **MUST** check out with the Gate Guard before leaving the club. If you leave the club owing camping fees you will be sent a bill along with your annual dues. The fees will have to be paid prior to accepting your annual dues!
6. All campers and tents **MUST** display their camping permit (visible from the roadway) at all times.
7. Camping fees will not be accepted for more



- than 14 days at a time. Campers **MUST** obtain a new camping permit every 14 days or when they relocate to another area. Failure to pay and/or re-register every two weeks will result in a fine of \$6.00/day being assessed in addition to any normal daily charges.
8. Expired camping permits must be turned in prior to receiving a new one or upon exit from the Club.
  9. The Board Of Directors reserve the right to adjust, realign, move and/or correct any camper or tent location issue at anytime.
  10. All campers and tents must keep their area neat and clean as well as place all refuse in the appropriate containers. Area's are subject to inspection.
  11. Campers and tents **MUST** maintain a 25' distance from other campers as well as minimizing the area used around them so as to allow other members to also enjoy the club. Club Members **MUST NOT** block off or use excessive amounts of space around their campers or tents.
  12. Members **MUST** clean up after their pets.
  13. The maximum size for a carpet on the ground outside of your camper is 5'x 10'.
  14. **ALL** wastewater must be disposed of properly.
  15. All cords plugged into Club power **MUST BE** a minimum of 10-guage wire. If you don't have the proper cord your Camper will be removed from the Club.
  16. No guests are allowed to bring in campers, tents or boats.
  17. Campers may not be stored at the Club.
  18. The Club assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to any articles in trailers, cabins, campers or tents while in the Club.
  19. Pallets are not to be used as firewood.

#### **GAME DEPARTMENT**

1. All game should be protected and not molested.
2. Ducks and geese should not be fed anything.
3. Dogs **MUST BE** leashed or chained at all times.
4. Firearms, bow & arrows, air guns, and any other hunting devices are prohibited in the Club.
5. No horses are allowed in the Club.

**Any issues/concerns or disputes over the interpretation of any of the above Rules & By-Laws will be addressed at the Board Of Directors discretion.**

Members violating any of the above Club rules and/or By-Laws are subject to removal from the Club & Membership Termination.