



## South Side Division News

Conservation Federation/Foundation of Missouri

**Tea Lakes Area**  
**3762 Highway T**  
**Rosebud, MO 63091**

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**Vol. 79-No. 3 September \* October \* November 2023**

General Membership Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 162 - 9305 S. Broadway, Lemay, MO, on 2nd Thursday of January \* May \* September \* November \* December

Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 162 - 9305 S. Broadway, Lemay, MO, December 14, 2023 \* January 11, 2024 \* May 9 \* July 15 \* September 12 \* November 14

**Due to low attendance at the meetings, we have adjusted the meeting schedules -- see calendar below.**

**Please check the website ([www.tlakes.org](http://www.tlakes.org)) or**

**Facebook ([www.facebook.com/TeaLakesConservationArea](http://www.facebook.com/TeaLakesConservationArea)) for updates.**

**The shower house/restrooms are closed. The outhouses are always available.**

**2023 / 2024**

**Calendar**

**2024**

*(Subject to change-check website or Facebook before you go!)*

**December 14th General Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm**  
**Christmas Party**

**Christmas Shoppe**

**January 11th Board Meeting, 6:30 pm**

**General Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm**

**January 27th Meat Shoot**

**February 24th Meat Shoot**

**March 30th Meat Shoot**

**April 27th Meat Shoot, tentatively**

**May 9th Board Meeting, 6:30 pm**

**General Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm**

**July 15th Board Meeting, 6:30 pm**

**September 12th Board Meeting, 6:30 pm**

**General Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm**

**September 28th Meat Shoot, tentatively**

**October 26th Meat Shoot**

**November 14th Board Meeting, 6:30 pm**

**General Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm**

**November 30th Meat Shoot**

**December 12th General Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm**

**Christmas Party**

**Christmas Shoppe**

Please note: For the Meat Shoots, we start selling rounds at 10:30 a.m. and the first shots start when all 15 positions are sold for Rounds 1-6 (may start before 11 a.m.)

**2024 Membership Rates --**

(valid 1/1/24 - 12/31/24)

**Family Membership \$60.00**

(Two cardholders + family members ages 1-17 in same household)

**General Membership \$45.00**

(One card holder over 18 years old)

**Trailer Storage at Tea Lakes \$70.00**

**2023 Officers**

**President:** Bob Blocker  
 314-971-9950

blockerbob3@gmail.com

**Vice-President:** Jon Gluesenkamp

**Secretary:** Angie Gluesenkamp

**Treasurer:** Sue Chervek

**Area Chairman,** Steve Faller,

636-296-8063, b\_faller@sbcglobal.net

*Please send change of address to:*

Rachel Schaeffer, **Membership Chairman,**  
 4839 Daltrey Ct, St. Louis, MO 63129  
 314-487-9447

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**Please consider adding a donation to your membership renewal.**

For CFM information and events:

**[www.confedmo.org](http://www.confedmo.org)**

From the Missouri Conservationist regarding our feathered friends --

\* Birds eat 400-500 million tons of insects every year. \* Vultures eat dead carcasses and metabolize diseases like botulism and rabies. They eat disease and it doesn't pass out the other end, preventing both wildlife and human health outbreaks. \* Birds disperse seeds to vegetate our world, and hummingbirds help pollinate many flowering plants.

## ***A message from the Area Chairman --***

I hope you had a fulfilling Thanksgiving Day and four-day weekend along with plenty of leftovers that will grace our waistlines. By the time you receive this, we would have had our second fall shoot at the area. It's supposed to be a cold day, so we should have good attendance.

We had our first fall meat shoot on October 28th and it was well attended. A fast pace and good time was had by all with near perfect weather. A chill in the air, but not a cold day, kept us on the go most of the day. The judging was more than a little tense with the first four rounds being so close that we paid out a second place. There was less than 1/64th of an inch difference between the top two cards, which the shooters took as a challenge.

The bad news -- the shower house has been closed for the season. The good news -- the outhouses are always there for you, hot or cold, rain or shine.

The Barn Dance has come and gone and although no attendance records were broken, we pretty much had our usual attendees. We have used this as an opportunity to have activities at the area for members and friends. (And having it there means we aren't paying for a venue.) Dave Benson and Back 'N Time played again this year. During the band's intermission, Ashden Murphy, who attends Owensville High School, entertained all. Another area activity we are thinking of is a winter walk on the trails, in the heat of the day in February or March. Stay tuned for more.

In the last issue, we reported on the major rain and damage caused by it. The rain did help the area to green up, made the area less prone to fires and filled the lake with some fresh water.

The big lake seems to have a leak that makes it aggravating when trying to keep the water level at an ideal depth. Glen has been looking into it and I'm sure he'll find a solution by next spring. We will be doing some repairs to the Windy Hill Shelter when weather allows and into the summer. We need to shore up the building and replace some rotted boards where needed. If you are a carpenter or a DIYer with carpentry skills and would like to volunteer by helping or offering ideas, call Steve Faller, Area Chairman, at 636-543-4374.

Part of the reason for mentioning this is that it's time to renew your membership. These repairs cost money even if the labor is free. There are always supplies required and general repairs to be done. Your membership and a family or friend membership as a Christmas (or birthday) gift would be greatly appreciated. And these donations are tax deductible.

The area still looks great thanks to Glen working his magic and thoroughly enjoying being outdoors, especially on the tractor or mower.

All membership rates are the same as last year -- memberships, trailer storage and activities at the area. Trailer storage fees are due by January 31 to avoid late fees. The forms are included with a return envelope for your convenience. We hope you'll renew your membership and with the gift of a membership, introduce someone else to Tea Lakes Conservation Area.

Yours in conservation,

*Steve Faller, Area Chairman*

*Bob Blocker, President*





*Please pick up any litter -- cigarette butts, cans, bottles, paper -- that you come across when at the area and leave the area nicer for the next visitor.*

**OPERATION GAMETHIEF**

***STOP POACHING: 1-800-392-1111, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information, visit [confedmo.org/operation-game-thief](http://confedmo.org/operation-game-thief).***

**To bring more birds to your backyard, try these tips -- \* Put out a birdbath - water attracts 10 times more birds than seed does. \* Attract Baltimore orioles with half of an orange, fleshy side out, and grape or blackberry jelly. \* In the fall, don't deadhead zinnias or marigolds. Goldfinches love their seed heads.**

Trees are constantly "on the job", working for us in incredibly important and surprising ways. They provide habitat for wildlife, cost-saving shade for our homes, and a host of wood products we rely on every day. Pecan and black walnut trees right here in Missouri provide the nuts we use in our favorite recipes.  
--From Missouri Conservationist



**TreesWork.org**

**<https://www.facebook.com/TeaLakesConservationArea>**

Subscribe to Missouri Conservationist Magazine --FREE to Missouri households -- [mdc.mo.gov/conmag](http://mdc.mo.gov/conmag).

The Missouri Department of Conservation's magazine for kids, **Xplor**, is free to Missouri residents. (And just \$5/year for out-of-state residents.) For six issues a year, subscribe at [mdc.mo.gov/xplor](http://mdc.mo.gov/xplor).

**Due to rising costs, membership cards will no longer be sent out unless requested. If you would like yours mailed, you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your application. Thank you.**

*From the Missouri Conservationist --*  
One blue jay can bury 4,500 acorns during a mast year to find later to eat. Luckily for oaks, they only remember the location of 1 in 4 of them, so they are oaks' most efficient seed disperser.

**REDUCE \* REUSE \* RECYCLE**

**2023 Trustees**  
Dennis Clements  
Billie Crossman      Bruce Hook  
Steve Faller          Cotton Schaeffer  
Angie Gluesenkamp   Pam Torti  
Caretaker, Glen Tobben

**Visit Tea Lakes!**  
**There is absolutely no hunting at Tea Lakes.**

For inquiries about the **200 Club**, contact Cotton:  
905 Erskine Ave  
Lemay, MO 63125-1831  
314-631-3856  
(You have 30 chances to win with each number you purchase.)



**Youth Groups** can visit Tea Lakes for no fee camping, fishing, hiking, birdwatching or relaxing around a campfire or the lake. If you know a youth leader, tell them about Tea Lakes. They may contact Steve Faller for details.



**INVASIVE SPECIES from the Missouri Conservationist, October 2023 --**

Invasive nonnative species destroy habitat and compete with native plants and animals. Please do what you can to control invasive species when you landscape, farm, hunt, fish, camp or explore nature. Live bait -- including minnows, worms and crayfish -- or aquarium species -- including fish, snails and plants -- should never be dumped in a waterway. Once dumped, the live bait or aquarium species can become invasive in our lakes and streams. It is illegal to dump aquatic species into waterbodies from which they were not obtained.

Check for updates on our website:

# www.tlakes.org

The 200 Club is limited to 200 numbers for the 10 month period from September-June. Numbers are drawn in each of these 10 months for prizes of \$75, \$15, and \$10. If the number isn't paid for, another number will be drawn. One number can only win once in a month, but it is possible that it could win multiple months. If you would like to take part in the 200 Club, or add more numbers, contact Cotton to get on the list when numbers become available. There are currently no numbers available.

### September 200 Club

#197 Jim Fox \$75  
\$126 Jim Fox \$15  
#37 Agnes Faller \$10

September **Attendance** Drawing: **#167 Quinton Strubberg of Rosebud, Missouri**, missed out on \$69.38 by not attending the September General Membership Meeting.



### **Caretakers:**

**Glen & Patti Tobben**

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573-437-5563



### 2023 Board of Directors

Roger Brader      Bruce Hoock  
Dennis Clements      Cotton Schaeffer  
Billie Crossman      Rachel Schaeffer  
Steve Faller      Robert Schaeffer  
James Fox      Karen Thompson  
Pam Torti

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November **Attendance** Drawing: **# 24 Danah Budnik of Owensville, Missouri**, missed out on \$96.65 by not attending the November General Membership Meeting.



*Take a winter snow walk! -- From the Missouri Conservationist  
Spending time outside in winter boosts your mood, makes you happier,  
and can reduce stress. Plus, a winter walk just might help you  
combat the winter blues.*

*Be Prepared -- Review weather conditions, dress in layers, wear wool  
socks and waterproof, sturdy footwear.*

*Be Sure to Bring -- Insulated gloves, warm hat, scarf, sunglasses for  
wind and sun protection and a warm drink, water and a snack.*

*Carry your phone and tell  
someone where you are going and  
when you should be back.*

### **October 200 Club**

#110 Sue Chervek \$75  
#141 Jim Chervek \$15  
#59 Ron Green \$10



### November 200 Club

#21 Rachel Schaeffer \$75  
#113 Jim Fox \$15  
#162 Sue Chervek \$10

### **Membership Meeting Activities Coordinator:**

**Pam Torti -- 314-378-5176**

Please contact Pam with ideas for activities.

Bruce Hoock, Recycling Chairman, will recycle aluminum for the club. Bring it to the meeting of Tea Lakes. Thank you.

*Missouri Resources Magazine is available online at [dnr.mo.gov/magazine](http://dnr.mo.gov/magazine).*

We have made changes to dates/times of General Membership Meetings and Board Meetings. Please consult the calendar in this newsletter or [www.tlakes.org](http://www.tlakes.org).

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### **Tea Lakes Area Activity Coordinator:**

Please contact Bruce with suggestions for activities at Tea Lakes.