



EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE CLUB OF KIAWAH-SEABROOK, SC

Box PMB-J 130 Gardener's Circle Johns Island, SC 29455

Member Meeting 01/17/2024 @Seabrook Island Club

Ray Hoover-President, called the meeting to order at 6:24PM and opened with prayer.

Chris Stephenson honored South Carolina fallen hero Staff Sgt Andrew S Bubacz and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. See Bio attached.

Guests were welcome, see attendance sheet

New members inducted: Andy Hamelt(?) and Ted Flerage

Ray made the following announcements:

2023 Recap

Social golf outing drew 30 members

Grant night dinner was our 11th year with 118 in attendance and 36 charities represented

Angel Oak Award

Bohicket 5K& Half Marathon had 42 volunteers and 850 registrants

Veterans day golf event was our 12th with 200 participants, 20 of whom were wounded warriors

Our annual Christmas Party drew 115 in attendance

2024 Plans

New Member Orientation on February 7 at 4:30

Angel Oak Award will be 12th annual, we are seeking nominations and must be awarded to someone who volunteers service on our islands

Ad sales have begun for the next version of the Handbook, our largest source of revenue for grants

After dinner, Bill Nelson introduced speakers Jason and Jennifer Schall-Award winning local anglers

Next Meeting:

2/7/24 @Seabrook Island Club

Speaker will be Heather Turner-Doors to Freedom

Addendums:

Attendance

Fallen Hero

Speaker Bio

Minutes submitted by Lisa McDonald, Club Secretary

ATTENDANCE

| Attended? | Member | Attended? | Guests | \$s |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|------|
| No | Victor Augusta | | | |
| X | Alan Armstrong | | | |
| X | Bill Bane | | | |
| X | Phyllis Barber | | | |
| No | Dave Berry | | | |
| No | Wayne Billian | | | |
| X | Herb Boehm | | | |
| X | Rich Boss | | | |
| X | Kevin Boyle | | | |
| X | Ed Brett | | | |
| X | Cathy Cleary | | | |
| X | Wes Cleary | | | |
| X | David Cruse | X | Andy Hamilton New Member Today | |
| No | Fred Demler | | | |
| X | Art Dougherty | | | |
| X | Bob Driscoll | | | |
| X | Bruce Edwards | | | |
| | Ted Flerlage | | | |
| No | Dianna Forsythe | No | Dan Forsythe | |
| No | Derek Fyfe | | | |
| X | Dennis Giannos | X | Dr Walter Leventhal | |
| No | Bob Glenn | | | |
| X | Richard Gwyn | | | |
| X | Stephen Haines | X | John Lombardo | |
| X | Edward Heskamp | | | |
| X | Christopher Hix | | | |
| X | Ray Hoover | | | |
| X | Bill Huff | X | Connor Merritt (Grandson) | \$80 |
| | | X | Rachel Tiller | |
| X | Tom Kroll | | | |
| X | Ed Leary | | | |
| X | Bob Leggett | | | |
| X | Bruce Ludwin | | | |
| X | Alan Madison | | | |
| X | Bob Mason | X | Sherrie Mason | |
| | | X | Jennifer Schall | |
| | | X | Jason Schall | |
| X | Lisa McDonald | | | |
| X | Rick McDonald | | | |

ATTENDANCE, CONT'D

| Attended? | Member | Attended? | Guests | \$s |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------|--------------|------|
| X | Jay Miller | | | |
| X | Bill Nelson | | | |
| X | Sally Smith Nicoli | | | |
| X | Marty Penkhus | | | |
| X | Steve Penkhus | | | |
| X | Thad Peterson | | | |
| X | Russ Preston | | | |
| X | Robert Quagliato | | | |
| No | Sam Reed | | | |
| X | Ed Rigtrup | | | |
| No | Shirley Salvo | | | |
| X | Nancy Schibler | X | Brenda Shaw | |
| X | Bob Schick | | | |
| X | Ron Schildge | | | |
| X | Roy Sessions | | | |
| X | Walter Sewell | X | Karen Sewell | \$40 |
| X | Robert Speziale | | | |
| X | Roger Steel | | | |
| X | Chris Stephenson | | | |
| X | Joe Thompson | | | |
| X | Dick Trent | | | |
| X | Stan Ullner | | | |
| X | Bruce Van Voorhis | | | |
| X | Jack Wilson | | | |
| X | David Woodman | | | |
| X | John Woychick | | | |
| X | Mela Wyeth | | | |

| Attending? | Guest | Sponsor | Type |
|------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | Dan Forsythe | Dianna Forsythe | Husband |
| | Dr Walter Leventhal | Dennis Giannos | Prospect? |
| | John Lombardo | Stephen Haines | Prospect |
| | Andy Hamilton | David Cruse | Prospect |
| | Sherrie Mason | Bob Mason | Wife |
| | Connor Merritt | Bill Huff | Grandson |
| | Jason Schall | Bob Mason | Speaker |
| | Jennifer Schall | Bob Mason | Speaker |
| | Karen Sewell | Walter Sewell | Wife |
| | Brenda Shaw | Nancy Schibler | Prospect |
| | Rachel Tiller | Bill Huff | Relative??? |

TRIBUTE TO SC FALLEN HERO

Good evening fellow club members and guests.

Tonight, we're paying tribute to Staff Sergeant Andrew S. Bubacz. (Pronounced "Boo-bahtch")

Staff Sargent Andrew S. Bubacz was born in Sumter, SC on September 15, 1987 to Patrick and Linda Bubacz of Dalzell, SC. He was known as a loving and caring person to everyone. They said he could make friends with a tree. He would talk to anyone and with his outgoing personality, he made lasting friendships with the neighbors. He loved music and could play several instruments. It was said that everyone knew when Andrew came into a room because it lit up like a Christmas tree.

Staff Sargent Bubacz enlisted in the Air Force Sept. 27, 2005. He attended basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas, then transitioned to the 336th Training Squadron at Keesler AFB, Miss., for technical school as a communications specialist. He earned Community College of the Air Force degrees in both biology and information management, as well as an associate degree in biology from Western Oklahoma State College.

Staff Sargent Andrew S. Bubacz was later assigned to the 97th Communications Squadron at Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma. He had been in Afghanistan for one month of a 270-day deployment when his team was assigned to perform mission critical maintenance on the forward operating base's communications tower in Nuristan Province, Afghanistan. During the operation, Staff Sargent Andrew S. Bubacz suffered a head injury. He was flown to the hospital at Bagram Air Base, where he was pronounced dead on November 12, 2010. He was 23 years old.

"I am deeply saddened by the loss of Sergeant Bubacz," said Col. Ty Thomas, 97th Air Mobility Wing commander. "Andrew will be truly missed by our wing and community. My heart goes out to his family and to all those who knew him well here."

On April 7, 2011, Staff Sergeant Andrew S. Bubacz's sacrifice was memorialized when members of the Altus AFB in Oklahoma dedicated a memorial bench and renamed a street in his honor.

As an indication of our respect for Staff Sergeant Andrew S. Bubacz and others who gave their lives for our country, the club places US flags around our community several times a year. Each flag has a yellow ribbon attached with the name of a fallen hero.

Staff Sergeant Andrew S. Bubacz, we salute you and your sacrifice on our behalf.

Please stand and join me in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Jason and Jennifer Schall



Jason and Jennifer Schall are competitive saltwater, freshwater and fly-fishing anglers. They each hold multiple Saltwater and Freshwater Angler of the Year titles, and together have achieved over 100 world records. Jason was the first American to win the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Jennifer holds the distinction of catching one of the largest freshwater fish world records ever certified by the IGFA. Together they have caught over 750 unique species on rod and reel.

The Schalls are champions for conservation of marine resources, with both having received recognition by the Department of Natural Resources for their work. When not competing in tournaments or traveling in pursuit of new species, they use their roles as Certified Fishing Instructors to teach the basics of fishing to children and adults through their many clinics and seminars. In recent years, they have both received top rankings among male and female anglers in the annual World Record Game Fish book. Jason and Jennifer currently reside in their hometown of Charleston, South Carolina.