

# CARIBOU HILLS CABIN HOPPERS



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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

### **March 2020**

5th - General Meeting 7:30pm - The Catch

14th - Family Fun Day - CHCH Lot

### **APRIL 2020**

2nd - Elections 7:00pm - The Catch

### **MAY 2020**

1st, 2nd & 3rd - Kenai Peninsula Sport Rec &  
Trade Show - Soldotna Sports Center

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP  
WITH ANY UPCOMING EVENTS,  
PLEASE REACH OUT TO US @  
CHCHVICEPRES@GMAIL.COM**

## **CHCH OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT & GROOMING CHAIR - GARY  
ANDERSON (TINKER)

VICE PRESIDENT & SOCIAL MEDIA/  
WEBSITE CHAIR - DANIELLE COOPER

TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP CHAIR -  
SYLVIA SHELTON

SECRETARY - ADEENA WILCOX

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ROY BIRD

JEFF LEETE - GRANTS & PERMITS

NICK STOLTZFUS - BUILDING COMMITTEE

JODY HOSKINS - GAMING ALTERNATE

SEAN PRESLEY - TRAIL MAINTENANCE

## **NON-VOTING CHAIRS**

EVENT COORDINATOR - KENNA HANSON

INSURANCE CHAIR - SADIE LANSING

PULL TAB/GAMING CHAIR - RUSSELL ROSIN

## **2019-2020 UPDATE**

As fast as this last year has seemed to speed along, CHCH has leapt ahead with some momentous progress as a club. Plenty of hiccups, bumps and hurdles contributed to the push and pull tug of war of trying to move forward, but ultimately the push was stronger and our club has reached a new level of self-reliance. In essence, we are self-sufficient thanks to the tremendous effort put forth by our Officers, Board of Directors, and some wonderful volunteers. It all started with the multi-stage removal of the old 5th-trail Pavilion. Fast forward a few weeks, and a building committee was formed. The building committee and numerous energetic volunteers started planning our new Pavilion building. Between materials salvaged from the 5th trail Pavilion, namely the trusses, and a minimal budget put forth from the club, there is now a 20'x40' fully enclosed building on our own beautiful club lot! As exciting as the building is (and it is!), I must back up and not fail to mention the above and beyond generosity of North Star Paving, Airport Equipment Rentals and Robert Peterkin, for providing the heavy equipment used by volunteers to clear the land. Those volunteers worked diligently to prepare two pads for buildings; one for the new pavilion and one for a future building to house our groomers permanently. I can't say enough thank-yous to all the volunteers and donors who contributed to this entire project. It was a huge undertaking and was accomplished posthaste! Having this building completed and strictly utilizing our privately owned club lot to its fullest potential, means we no longer have to put our hard raised monies towards rental fees as we have in years past. We can now work on our groomers in our own building finally. I think those who joined us for our Sweetheart Fun Run & Social Mixer can attest that our maintenance team will have a nice, warm, dry location to work on our groomers! In time, we will be able to house our groomers as well. Now all those would-be rental fees will be circulated back into improving and adding value to our own club's assets. That is real self-reliance! Congratulations CHCH!

And while this monstrous project was being organized and realized, some of our very dedicated board members put an enormous amount of time into working on the SnoTrac Grant, and calling in/showing up for their meetings. This kept us as informed and in the loop as possible and made sure we were doing everything correctly. There is a lot that goes into programs like this, and keeping our club eligible to continue receiving these grant monies is not an easy task. We are very lucky to have such dedicated members. Don't forget to register your off-road vehicles! More registrations equals more available grant money!

On top of all of that, the club was still pounding the 'Fundraising Drum' as hard as possible!

Throughout the year after the April 4th, 2019 election, there were numerous exceptionally successful club sponsored events. We got rolling right away with the Kenai Peninsula Sport, Rec & Trade Show at the Soldotna Sports Center on April 26th through April 28th of 2019. This is the FIRST YEAR we have turned a profit at this event! How awesome!

Then we ran right into the CHCH Spring Fling trash pick-up on May 11, 2019. We were able to clean up roughly 400 lbs. of trash out of the Caribou Hills! We had a great group of volunteers come out for this! It was still a little chilly out, but we had a great time having the first real social gathering since the new group of Officers had come on board!

On Memorial Day Weekend we had some members utilize our Club Lot to put on an event of their own; Life is Best in the Hills. They then very generously turned around and donated all of their proceeds from the event, to CHCH! Along with that, a few other awesome members donated all monies they received from food sales at this event to CHCH as well! What amazing members we have!

On June 21st-22nd, 2019 we held our first annual ATV Jamboree Midnight Sun Mud Run. This was the first event of this kind, and we had a blast! We had a good turn out, and the weather could not have been better!

As summer slipped away, fall snuck in and we held our Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament. Some of our Board members went above and beyond and collected an outstanding amount of Hole Sponsors for this event, making this our biggest fundraising event of the year! Everyone had a great time as always!

Next we rolled right into November for our Annual Kick-Off Party! Personally it was one of my favorite events! We did a little different type of raffle this year which really mixed things up! A ton of generous businesses and members donated all kinds of awesome raffle items! We went with a different theme this year too, and everyone seemed to really enjoy it!

In the midst of planning for and putting on the Kick-Off Party, the board members got together and donated some funds to start up a Cooler Raffle! A few local businesses matched portions of those funds to give us a seriously amazing prize to raffle off. We sold 300 raffle tickets and drew 1 very lucky winner! This was a really great fundraiser for CHCH too!

We then took a little mid-winter break before we worked right into our Sweetheart Fun Run! The February 15th, 2020 Fun Run went through 4 different stops that some wonderful member volunteers donated up for the cause, and then we ended with a bonfire and potluck at our new Pavilion building! We just had to have an event to break it in right! 😊

All of these events were fabulous in terms of fundraising, but they were equally awesome in the amount of fun that was had!! They also gave members some entertaining ways to get acquainted.

As much as there have been positive pushes and pulls, the tug of war was not without its losses. It has been one heck of a year as the club was propelled into making some very swift and serious decisions and changes right out of the gate. Thankfully we had some seasoned and highly experienced Officers and Board of Directors to support the new incoming Officers through some of these changes. Two very dedicated and generous longtime Board Members found that it was time to step away. Randy Wheeler and Bob Walker have supported this club unwavering for years and their service to this club has been tremendously appreciated by all. Thank you both and we hope to see your continued support of the club.

I am putting this letter out with two intentions: to give an overview of the last year of our club's activities and endeavors, and also as a request to members to please step up and fill the absolutely necessary positions in our upcoming election. All members wishing to run for any position must have a letter of intent/candidate bio turned in to the Nominating Committee email by March 2nd, 2020. [chchnominations@gmail.com](mailto:chchnominations@gmail.com) All candidates will be addressed and introduced at the March 5th, 2020 meeting, to be held at The Catch Restaurant. If anyone has questions or needs help with writing a candidate bio please feel free to send an email and we will try our best to help. Also, feel free to refer to Articles V and VI in the CHCH Bylaws for election rules and regulations. The Bylaws are available on the CHCH website, [www.akchch.org](http://www.akchch.org) This really is an exciting time for this club and the areas it can move forward in. Please partake in this journey with us and bring your experience, knowledge and new ideas. If not by joining the Board of Directors or Officers, please bring your ideas and considerations to our meetings. As the saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child!" We really need all of you to help raise this club to its fullest potential! Join us at the next club meeting March 5th, 2020 at The Catch Restaurant at 7:30pm. Come participate in the inner workings of YOUR CLUB.

### **Open Positions & Current Candidates Listed; Open to Other Candidates:**

President - Our current president does not intend to re-run in 2020. This position is mandatory by the State of Alaska to maintain our board and club. It is essential we fill this seat.

Vice President- Danielle Cooper

Treasurer- Sylvia Shelton

Secretary - Our current secretary does not intend to re-run in 2020. This position is mandatory by the State of Alaska to maintain our board and club. It is essential we fill this seat.

2 Year Term A - Roy Bird To Be Decided

2 Year Term B - Sean Presley

2 Year Term C - Tad Covault

Go Big and run for an Officer position or a Board Seat!

Go Big and volunteer for the next big fundraiser!

Go Big and bring your grand fundraising idea to Kenna Hanson, our Activities Director!

Go Big and push yourself to attend more meetings!

Go Big and be sure to renew your membership if you haven't yet so you can vote in this year's election!

We believe this past years' awesome strides has helped to make our Club stronger and given us the chance to fully utilize its assets to everyone's benefit. Self-reliance is just the beginning of a renewed sense of Club Pride. Hopefully this is a sense that as members, you are part of something more than just a groomed trail. All members are a part of a community; a group of people dedicated to a common love of the Caribou Hills and everything it means to all of us. Come out to your Club's events and get acquainted with your community!

THE ONLY WAY THIS CLUB CAN  
WORK FOR THE MANY IS IF THE MANY  
WORK FOR THE CLUB!

PLEASE VOTE AT OUR 2020 ELECTION  
APRIL 2ND, 2020 @ The Catch Restaurant  
6:00pm-9:00pm

\*Candidates will be finalized at the  
March 5th, 2020 general meeting\*

***CHCH BUSINESS MEMBERS:***

*A K HAIR SALON*

*ALASKA GULF COAST EXPEDITIONS*

*ATEC MARINE*

*BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA*

*CARMODY MASONRY*

*CBC RENTAL & SUPPLY*

*COYOTE CREEK ENTERPRISE*

*CRANE RENTAL PROPERTIES*

*GLEN'S CUSTOM DRYWALL*

*HEAT & FROST INSULATION, INC*

*LIVEWIRE ELECTRIC*

*MELANIE LEETE REALTOR*

*ORCA THEATER*

*PENINSULA POWERSPORTS*

*RANGUETTE'S CUSTOM CARPENTRY*

*SOLDOTNA DENTAL CLINIC*

*SOLDOTNA MINI STORAGE*

***CHCH PULL TAB VENDORS:***

*ALBATROSS*

*BRIDGE LOUNGE*

*DUCK INN*

*MAVERICK*

*UPPER DECK*