



# Goldbug's Wake

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Member at Large

*Jerry Barnett,*  
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Goldbug Island has taken enhanced health and safety measures to curb the spread of COVID-19. Please follow all posted instructions while visiting our facility. There is an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 in any public place where other people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, persons 65 years of age and older and persons with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By visiting Goldbug Island you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. Learn more at <https://scdhec.gov/covid19>

Standing Committee Positions are always open; please contact any board member to become more involved in YOUR club.

**FIREWOOD stock pile is getting low BRING MORE wood if you have it.**

**PLEASE NO TREATED WOOD** (pressure-treated wood should never be burned, it can release hazardous and even carcinogenic byproducts of the chemicals into the air.

**Need Work Parties?** - Contact Mark Law, (Email), Matt Williams, (Email) or Chance Nilsen, (Email) for details.

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### **SPECIAL RENTAL AVAILABILITY to All ECOMC Members**

During the December, January, & February we are offering use of the clubhouse at the member rate without restrictions on what type of party you are having. This is a great opportunity if you want to have a Christmas party for your friends or coworkers in December, or an oyster roast in January or February. We normally only reserve member rentals for special dates, but these are extraordinary times. Please understand that this offer is only good for December 2020, January 2021, and February 2021. Please contact Chance Nilsen: at 843-296-4838 or [rent@destinationgoldbug.com](mailto:rent@destinationgoldbug.com) if you wish to book a date during this time.

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**NOTICE:**

**REMINDER (house rule #5):** Mature sons and daughters who are under the age of 21 years, and members' wives, whose place of residence is the same as a member's may use the boat landing without being accompanied by the member. **Sons, Daughters and Wives are not allowed to invite guest boats. No son or daughter who is 21 years of age or older, may use the facilities except as a guest accompanied by the member.** Sons, Daughters and Wives on club property without the ECOMC member present shall identify themselves to any member when requested.

*PLEASE HELP THE CLUB by enforcing the above house rule within YOUR family! The late-night teen parties must be stopped before there is a problem that affects YOUR membership and hurts all club members.*

**2021 CALENDAR of Events**

*All scheduled events are subject to change due to Covid19*

Date	Event
February 20, 2021	Oyster Roast, Bring Canned goods
April 24, 2021	Spring Fling, Bring Canned goods
August 21, 2021	Annual Banquet, Bring Canned goods
November 2021	No Member Meeting
November 03 - 24, 2021	Turkey Shoot
December 05, 2021	Cookies with Santa
December 11, 2021	Christmas Party

**KEEP GATE LOCKED**

**DO NOT LEAVE GATE OPEN**



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**REMINDER:** No Pets are allowed at Official Club Functions, however when you bring a dog to the island - PLEASE be courteous and responsible and maintain complete control and clean up any mess. KEEP PETS AWAY FROM ALL RENTAL FUNCTIONS AT ALL TIMES, Failure to do this may result in your pet(s) being banned from Goldbug Island. (it not the pets fault; it is YOURS)

**FACEBOOK:** Goldbug Members can join the [“ECOMC MEMBERS ONLY”](#) private Facebook group to share pictures, news, or anything to benefit the club. Maybe you have something to sell or looking to buy. Perhaps you need a partner to fish with. That's the purpose of the group. Remember - Only members can see who's in the group and what they post, and only members can find this group.

## Photo Gallery



Photographs of Fish and other interesting Goldbug related items can be emailed to the [WAKE](#) for publication in future editions; please include captions and names of people in photo and their permission to reproduce in wake.

## *East Cooper Outboard Beneficent Group, Inc.*

**Good Evening (November 16, 2020) Cmdr. Engard, ECOMC Brd and my fellow members:**

The Board of Directors of the East Cooper Outboard Beneficent Group, Inc. held its annual meeting on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The following members were present, Momeier, Clifford, Engard, Sottile, Lapierre, Darby, Kerr, Gourdin, Jenkins & Bouchelle.

Minutes from the 2019-2020 Annual Meeting were approved.

The BG Board discussed & approved the 2020 proposed Amended & Restated By-laws of the corporation. Major Changes as follows:

- Members become Directors.
- Directors are limited to 9 in lieu of 12. Our current board was made up of 10 members. New By-laws reduces to 9. As a result, Kirk Darby volunteered to resign from the Board.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the BG Board & ECOMC Membership to thank Kirk for seven years of service to the BG, you provided valuable input & guidance on how the Beneficent Group could better serve the charities in our local community that depend on our donations. We are disappointed he is stepping down, but he can be proud of the benevolent work you & this Board have done over the years on behalf of the ECOMC membership.

- Officers – President, V. President, Secretary & Treasure, in lieu of a Chairman & V. Chairman. The following Officers were appointed to serve one a one-year term:

President:	Chris Momeier
Vice-president:	Dave Clifford
Secretary:	Nick Sottile
Treasurer:	Chris Momeier

- Directors will now have staggered terms ranging from 1-3 years. The following Directors & Terms were recommended & presented to the ECOMC Board for approval.

One year:	Cmdr. Engard, John Gourdin and Wally Jenkins
Two years:	David Bouchelle, Brad Kerr, and Luke Lapierre
Three years:	David Clifford, Chris Momeier and Nick Sottile

The BG IRS Tax return has not been filed but will before the December 31, 2020 deadline.

The BG Directors & Officers Policy was renewed for 2020.

BG Financials, P&L, Checking & Deposit summary were reviewed & approved. The 2020 – 2021 Balance for distribution - **\$810.80 Carry-over + \$49,623.58 (Lease \$11,307.35 + TK Sht \$38,316.23) - \$558 (D&O) = \$49,876.38**

We reviewed the donor history from 1998 thru 2019. To date the ECOBG on behalf of the ECOMC membership has donated **\$433,800** to local charities in the Tri-County area, you all should be proud of this.

The BG Board discuss & approved the following charitable distributions for this fiscal year.

- Total Approved **\$49,876.38.**
  
- Withhold \$1,000 to cover expenses & contingencies.
  
- With this year's TK Shoot canceled due to pandemic we are donating **\$30,000** of the available funds leaving **\$18,876.38 for distribution next year.** (When combined with next year's lease payment of **\$11,590.04** we will have **\$30,468.00** to give away next year.)
  
- The Charities & Amounts for this years Donations are as follows:
  - College of Charleston \$2,000
  - ECCO \$1,500
  - EC Meals on Wheels \$5,500
  - Pattison's Academy \$2,500
  - My Sister's House \$3,500
  - Windwood Farms \$4,250
  - Coastal Conservation Assoc. \$1,500
  - Charleston Southern University \$2,000
  - Camp Rise Above \$1,750
  - Healing Waters \$1,000
  - Turning Leaf Project \$1,500
  - South Harm Reduction \$1,500
  - Cimarron Outdoors \$1,000
  - Friends of Fisher \$500

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$30,000

Due to the Pandemic the BG Board Approved the distribution of funds to all charities ASAP. We will not be inviting our charities to our monthly meetings but between Myself & Vice President Clifford we will present a couple of our charities to you each month.

# Goldbug Island Charity Event

## 57th Annual ECOMC Turkey Shoot

Dear Sponsors,

East Cooper Outboard Motor Club has been hosting a Turkey Shoot for the past 56 years and with each of your help, we have supported many local charities over the years. 2020 has presented many challenges to each of us, our families, friends, and charities we have come to support. At Goldbug, we have discussed at length how to safely accommodate a turkey shoot during the Covid-19 pandemic. It is with great sorrow, I am reporting, the decision has been made to not hold a public turkey shoot this year.

E.C.O.M.C. would still request you consider helping us raise money to support our local charities who have also struggled during these 2020 trying times. As you know, the Turkey Shoot has supported many charities with your great support. We are not going to ask for any certain amount, but if you have your donation budgeted, the opportunity to support our fundraiser in any amount, it would be greatly appreciated. You can send any amount. Thank you for your continued support.

**Please mail check made out to below:**

**E.C.O.M.C. (East Cooper Outboard Motor Club)  
Attn: Robbie Forbes  
3353 Ethan Street  
Mount Pleasant, SC 29466**

**CHARITIES:** Over the years proceeds generated from the Turkey Shoot, in excess of \$429,000, went toward direct or in kind donations to the following local charities: The College of Charleston Foundation, Charles Webb Center, East Cooper Meals on Wheels, ECCO, The Windwood Farm for Children, Carolina Youth Development, Charleston Southern University Scholarship, Mount Pleasant Scholarship Fund, Joes Reef, Coastal Conservation Association, The Slocum Lunz Foundation, Christmas Commandos, Ronald McDonald House, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, The Mount Pleasant Conservancy Group, Habitat for Humanity, My Sisters House, Fishing for Miracles, Pattison's Academy, Camp Goodtime's, Fellowship For Christian Athletes, Project Healing Waters, Camp Rise Above, Camp Happy Times, Jenkins Orphanage, Carolina Children Charity & Wreaths Across America

**EAST COOPER OUTBOARD MOTOR CLUB, INC. THANKS  
YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOUR  
CONTRIBUTION TO THIS ANNUAL EVENT.**