

Dear Members:

When you come to the club and visit the grounds, you see a well kept facility. The kitchen and club house are always clean, the hot water and lights always work, the grass is mowed, the snow is plowed, the porta johns are always serviced, the ranges and equipment are kept up and the bills are always paid.

The large fundraisers such as Plaid Shirt Night and big Game night and the Outdoor Fair, with their door prizes and raffles and camaraderie and family atmosphere all help to make Fin & Feather Club a successful organization.

You may think that you pay for all of this when you pay your annual dues, you don't. A small and growing smaller, group of dedicated members volunteer their time and effort and equipment to run the club. They pay their dues just like you do; they sponsor and underwrite events just like some of you do; they step up and give of themselves for the benefit of all the members.

That group is growing smaller because some of them are aging and need to step down, some of them have professional or family demands placed upon them that take precedent over their volunteer time, some of them are simply tired of volunteering only to be unappreciated and have some members think of them as hired help.

Fin & Feather Club has to replace these long time volunteers. As members, you need to make yourselves available to work for this club; or prepare yourselves to increase the dues to pay for the help that will be hired to do the work for this club. The work has to be done, we both step up and do it ourselves, or we pay someone to do it for us.

Take a moment and review your ability to volunteer, we need you. Some of the tasks are high profile and come with prestige; some of the tasks are menial and come with sweat, bug bites or dish pan hands. All of the tasks have to be done.

Take some time to volunteer, and then take a moment to thank a member who already has volunteered.