

APRIL 2026

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Greetings Club Members

As winter comes to a close, I'm reminded of what makes the Cataumet Club such a special place. For me, that connection is deeply personal—my great grandfather was a founding member, and it's truly an honor to serve as president and help carry forward the traditions he and others began so many years ago.

This past season was filled with wonderful moments, from lively gatherings to relaxed afternoons spent together. It's been especially rewarding to see longtime members reconnect and new families become part of our close-knit community.

We're excited to welcome back Luke Duffy for a second season as Camp Director following a very successful 2025. The camp continues to be a highlight of the summer, and I'm grateful to Luke, our camp staff, and volunteers for creating such a fun, safe, and enriching environment for our children. We also made improvements to the clubhouse this year, including replacing the windows, helping ensure the space remains comfortable and welcoming for everyone.

Looking ahead, I hope you'll join us for our upcoming events, including the golf tournament, Memorial Day party, Fourth of July and Labor Day celebrations, and of course, our much-loved clambake. These gatherings are at the heart of what makes our club so special.

Thank you to our members, volunteers, and board for your continued support and involvement. It's a privilege to serve as your president, and I look forward to another great season together.

Warm regards,
Scott

Note on the Club Dues

We are happy to report there will be no increase in Club dues, tennis or dock fees for the 2026 season! Also, a top priority for 2026 will be to continue to grow our reserve funds, which will help us to prepare for unexpected future expenses as well as enhance our long-term financial stability.

Getting Together

Our summer calendar (enclosed) includes dates and times for our opening and closing family picnics, bottle parties, tennis events, and the favorite mid-summer family event to be held on Saturday, August 8: the return of the traditional Cape Cod Clambake, on Grasslands, which will be catered this summer. Details will be sent out later this spring.



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Courts News

We are looking once again to ready the courts by mid-May! As always, opening day is weather dependent. Also, we have scheduled the mixed doubles member-guest tournament for Saturday July 25th and the ladies doubles round robin for Monday August 17th. The youth tournaments will take place during the month of July. Thursday evening ladies and men's weekend tennis will run as usual. Due to lack of participation, the Tuesday afternoon ladies tennis group will not be on our calendar this summer. Thanks to Clare Heffernan and Laurie Bartlett for their time organizing this group for the past several years. Tennis sign-up sheets will be posted on Fridays at 9AM for weekend play from Memorial Day weekend to the first day of camp. Once camp begins on June 22th we will post according to our regular sign-up schedule. Looking forward to seeing you out there enjoying our great courts!

Golf

The annual Cataumet Club Golf Tournament will be held at the Falmouth Country Club on Saturday, July 11, 8:00 am Shotgun. New for 2026 is the "John B. Gwynn Memorial Putting Contest" for a little extra fun during the round. The golf tournament is a great morning of laughter and camaraderie, and is much more about fresh air and fun than shooting a low number (with lots of prizes beyond the "winning" team). We welcome all – members, non-members, family, friends, guests; young, mid-life crisis or well-aged. Come on out and have some laughs. Lunch and awards will immediately follow play at the clubhouse. Cash bar available. Any questions please contact Bethany Jason Kauff at 617-875-5006 or bethanykauff@comcast.net.

Waterfront

The work to install our dock and swim raft is underway. Also, most moorings will soon be de-winterized and ready for use. One job to go, we'll need help this spring oiling and protecting our docks and raking our beach. As we get closer to summer, we look forward to seeing our boaters, swimmers and beach goers enjoying sunshine on our waterfront.

Membership

The membership committee reports that there are several new local families applying to join our Club. Two of them have completed the application process and been approved by the board (see box below). We hope to welcome other new families soon.

Congratulations to:

- Our newest members: VJ & Jana (Heffernan) Donnelly and Jeff & Michelle Howard; and we have five more applications in process.
- Laurie York, on her 102nd birthday, March 12, 2026.



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A Message from Luke Duffy, Executive Director, Cataumet Club Camp

Friends, Fun, and Skills to Last a Lifetime. Those are the guiding principles of the Cataumet Club Camp. Started in 1949 and still going strong. Camp registration went well this year for both members with early signup and all our non-member kids to follow. Many of our counselors are returning, boats will be moved to the beach and rigged this spring and the swim lines will be put in place. If any camp parents or grandparents need help with scheduling or have questions, please reach out to Luke at cataumetclubcamp@gmail.com. Then let our 77th camp summer get underway.



Party Time

Our summer party season kicks off Sunday, May 24 at 5:30, when Bill & Crystal Ribich and Surendra & Alice DeNormandie welcome you on the Ribich porch (215 Scraggy Neck Rd)! Come meet new members and visit with old friends. And, in true Cataumet tradition, please BYOB and some food to share.

Reminders:

Volunteers Wanted: Please complete the enclosed survey if you are willing to share some of your time with other members, helping to keep our Club up and running and having fun along the way.

Please: Pay your dues and provide handbook updates by the deadlines. This helps membership finalize our handbook by June 1 and our treasurer to close our books before summer gets underway.

In Fond Memory of Special Friends

Fritz Casselman, Club President 1992-1993; John Gwynn, Club President 1976-1977, Honorary Member; and these former Club members: Robbie Joyce; Michael McElroy; Charles Stasey; Graham Underhill.

In their honor, the Club contributes to the Bourne Conservation Trust.

In Closing

After our long, cold and snowy winter, with a blizzard, loss of power and extreme tree damage, it's time to start looking forward to our 111th Cataumet Club summer, 2026. To all of our members, both new and old, the Board sends wishes for a happy, healthy, warm and sunny summer, surrounded by family and friends, in this beautiful Village. Let the fun and good times begin!

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