

The Compass Rose



The Spokane Compass Club Newsletter — June 2025 Edition

President's Corner

I am sorry I missed the fashion show at the May luncheon. I heard it was loads of fun and many of our members were able to update their wardrobes for Spring. I always enjoy the luncheon when we have the Fashion Show. Last year I was lucky enough to model, and it was so fun.

June is here, and so is our last luncheon of the year. I hope you will be able to join us. We will be introducing the new Board members at the luncheon (see the Slate of Officers on page 11). If you are interested in serving on the Board, please let me know as we are currently looking for a Fundraising Chair.

Even though there will be no luncheons in July or August, there are

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June Mini Calendar

5/29	Reservation Deadline — noon
6/3	June Luncheon check in 11-11:30
6/4	Mahjong 1p
6/8	BYOB 3p
6/10	Mexican Train 1p
6/12	Books & Coffee 10a
6/16	Jet Boat Trip 9 to 3 Quilt & Stitch 1p
6/17	Ukulele Group 1p
6/18	Mahjong 1p
6/24	Daytime Books 1p
6/26	Wine & Spirits 3p
6/27	Last day to turn in Game Day reservation

Luncheon Information

Our June luncheon will be held on June 3rd at the Airport Ramada, 8909 W Airport Drive, Spokane.

There will be a brunch buffet consisting of fresh fruit and cheese, carved pit ham, a breakfast casserole, two salads, and mini cinnamon rolls. A no-host bar with wine, Bloody Marys, and Mimosas will be available. Coffee and tea will also be served.

Reservations are required and due by noon on Thursday, May 29th.

Check-in time is between 11 and 11:30 with lunch beginning at 12. Checks for \$30 should be made out to *Compass Club*. Reservations are made by either emailing Sheryl Krauser at skrauser@comcast.net or texting her at 509.435.2535. Include your name with your reservation and watch for a confirmation text or email. The next luncheon will be in September.

*If you pay your \$25 dues for the 2025/6 year before
or at the June luncheon, your lunch will be free.*

Dorothy Klepp & Kate Mietus / Vice Presidents

Philanthropy Update

Hello Compass Club Members!

I would like to announce that our chosen charity for the 2025-26 year is Safety Net (safetynetinlandnw.org). The organization, which serves “local teens and young adults who have aged out of foster care,” won the vote at the May luncheon by a large margin. We will find out more about this charity in October.



Philanthropy netted \$195 at our May raffle. At the June luncheon, it will be an honor to present Cup of Cool Water with checks totaling \$3,500.

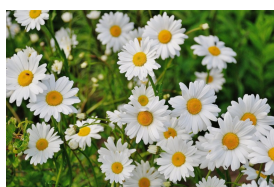
I am so proud of our little social group. Thank you all so much for purchasing raffle tickets, donating soft goods, dining at Chowderhead, and creating art at Pinot's Palette. If you have any ideas for easy money-making endeavors, please let me know for next year!

Julie Tveit / Philanthropy Chair ~ 509.570.6015 / jtveit@live.com

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still a lot of activities over the summer: Game Day on July 8 and Pizza Party on August 5. Many of our interest groups meet year around, so check with the interest group leaders (pg 11) for information. There are some special events in the works; watch your email for announcement.

Kathi Brandmueller / President



News from May Luncheon

About 60 members met at the Osprey restaurant on May 6th for lunch and a great fashion show (for pictures of the centerpieces and our models, see pages 13 & 14). Pat Partovi ran the business portion of the meeting and the following information was presented: Shirley Calkins said more information will be forthcoming about the Garden Club, Vicki Deschaine reported that BYOB (pg 4) will be starting back in June and she also reminded everyone about the Snake River Jet Boat trip (pg 8), Maureen Boutz talked about the Treasurer's report and had forms available for Game Day (pgs 8 & 14), Pat Partovi gave information about the upcoming Wine & Spirits

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Bunco

Our next Bunco game will take place during Game Day on July 8th. Contact Lynn Troop at bltroop@comcast.net if you are interested in being added to a table. Pictures from our May 8th Bunco are available on page 13. No Bunco in June.

Lynn Troop / Bunco Chair



Daytime Books

Daytime Books meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1 pm for book discussion and light refreshments. If you would like to join us, please contact Kathy Cousineau at digtherebop@hotmail.com



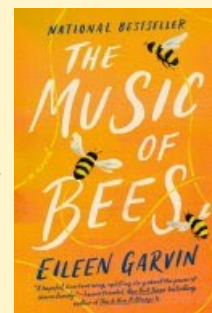
May 27 *Sleeping Giants* – Rene Denfeld
Hostess: Pat Partovi

June 24 Meeting to choose New Books—
list will be available in the September
newsletter.
Hostess: Ginny Bott

Kathy Cousineau / Daytime Books Chair

Books and Coffee

Books and Coffee meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10am. If you would like to join us, please contact Kathi Brandmueller at 775.379.8952 or kibrandmueller@gmail.com



June 12: *Music of the Bees* by
Eileen Garvin
Hosted by Cheri Susens

July 10: *The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox*
by Maggie O'Farrell
Hosted by Tracy Barton

Kathi Brandmueller / Books and Coffee
Chair

Ukulele Group

The Ukulele Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 pm to practice and learn new songs. The meetings are at Kathi Brandmueller's home.

Please let Kathi know if you are interested in joining. Contact her at kibrandmueller@gmail.com

Kathi Brandmueller, Ukulele Chair

Quilt & Stitch



Our May meeting will be held at the home of Sonia Bertsch on Monday, May 19th at 1:00. RSVP to either 509-879-2274 or

sonialbertsch@gmail.com.

Our last meeting until September will be held on June 16th at the home of Kate Mietus. It's an "anything goes" luncheon starting at 12:00 instead of 1:00. Everybody bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre, snack, chip 'n dip, or dessert to share. I'll provide the beverages. We'll finish up the fabric exchange and discuss future projects. Not needing a fundraiser, perhaps we should consider a sewing session for charity. Bring ideas. RSVP to me at anneslauson@gmail.com or Kate at kate6154@gmail.com or 509-481-3952.

All are welcome!

Anne Slauson / Quilt & Stitch Chair
anneslauson@gmail.com

Ladies Who Lunch

Be sure to watch for Blasts during the summer with all the information about some fabulous lunching.

Lunch will be on you ~ separate checks all around! First twelve LWLers will be included in the reservations.

Vicki Deschaine Ldandsc@gmail.com
aka Cooking Wench

Wine & Spirits

Please join us for the next Wine and Spirits group gathering on Thursday, May 22, at Bennidito's, 1909 E Sprague, at 3:00 pm. Beverages and food can be purchased there. RSVP's are helpful so that we can reserve enough tables, but please come regardless.



For June, we plan to meet at Trailbreaker Cider, 2204 N Madson, Liberty Lake on their lovely patio if the weather is nice, and we'll go inside if it isn't. It will be on Thursday, June 26 at 3:00 pm. Please RSVP to either Pat (patpartovi@gmail.com) or Mimi (meemanderson@hotmail.com)

Pat Partovi & Mimi Anderson / Wine & Spirits Co-chairs

BYOB

Come join the fun at two casual social gatherings: one on June 8 at Susan Mile's home & one on July 20 at Maggie Crawford's. Both begin at 3pm and are open to all Compass Club members, and their friends and family. Please RSVP to the hostess, and plan on bringing an appetizer to share and what you want to drink. If anyone would like to be host one of these Sunday afternoon events, please let me know.



For more information, email Vicki at Ldandsc@gmail.com.

Vicki Deschaine / BYOB Chair

Mahjong



We always play the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month; that's June 4th and 18th. We will also play throughout the Summer. An email will be sent out the week before with the location.

Mahjong is a super fun game and all are welcome to play. (No experience necessary.) Please contact Colleen Maroney at c_maroney@comcast.net for more information.

Colleen Maroney / Mahjong Chair

Caring Corner

A "Get Well" card was sent to Shirley Calkins and a "Thinking of You" card was sent to Shari Russell.

To request a "Get Well," "Thinking of You," or "Sympathy" card, please contact our Correspondence Secretary.



Kathy Cousineau / Correspondence Chair
digtherebop@hotmail.com or
303.748.9606.

Mexican Train

Maggie Crawford is hosting our June 10th (1p) Mexican Train - be sure to contact her if you plan to play, so she knows how many to plan for.



As of July 1, Connie Donelson will be the new Mexican Train Interest Group chair. Thank you, Connie, for taking on this task!

Maureen Boutz / Mexican Train Chair

The Social Club

The purpose of our Interest Group is to foster companionship and to develop friendships. One main event will be planned each month, but we are hoping to informally meet at events other members plan, such as movies, concerts, etc. We would love to have you join us!

Please RSVP Phyllis Packwood at jpneveralone@aol.com or 509.294.0387 if you would like to be put on our email list.

Phyllis Packwood / The Social Club Chair



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events (pg 4), Anne Slauson shared when the next Quilt & Stitch will happen (pg 4), and Julie Tveit gave information about the summer Pizza Party (pg 9). Julie also explained the three choices for Philanthropy for the 25/26 year and members present voted. Kim Waterbury won the 50/50 drawing and Anne Lauderbaugh, Carole Parfett, and Shirley Calkins won the Philanthropy drawing. Centerpieces went to visitors, members who had never won one before, plus winners of table-ticket drawings.

Pat Partovi read off the names of the 2025/26 Board Members. Please see page 11 for the updated list.

Members paying dues before or at the next luncheon in June will get lunch free (pg 1). Our next luncheon will be in September. The next newsletter will come out mid-August.

Crafts & Chats

We are an Interest Group that loves to push the envelope with different types of art. Participants have found that even though they don't feel artistic, with the assistance of our instructor, MariKay Everitt, they leave our fun meetings with a beautiful creation sated by a yummy lunch, having met new friends.

We have four or five Craft & Chats events each year and since space is limited to ten, it's important to reserve your spot as soon as one is listed in the Newsletter.

The photos below show some of the pieces recently created.

Shari Russell / Crafts & Chats Chair



A paint-pour glass process yielded many different color combinations and lettering.



Garden blooms created on canvas with buttons.



Galveston sea glass and tea lights were used to create trees.



Painted gnome on locally milled hand-sanded Loon Lake wood.



Locally procured rocks painted and attached to pine tree rounds with bark edging.

Membership Update

Flowers are blooming, the grass and gardens are growing—and so is Compass Club!! Thanks to current members spreading the word about this SUPER groups of ladies, we have six new members to welcome this month!! With these new members, Compass Club now has 128 friends with whom to share interests. Let's keep up the good work! Please join me in welcoming:

Jackie Brandt
Jaclyn.brandt@gmail.com

Debbie MacLennan
Debbiemaclen-
nan@centurytel.net

Serena Miller
serenaannemiller@yahoo.com

Carol Obrien
carolob3640@msn.com

Lynne Osborne
Losborne438@gmail.com

Rebecca Ray
reray@att.net

REMINDER: Annual dues of \$25 are due in June. Payments can be made by mailing a check made out to "Compass Club" to either Maureen Boutz, 2624 E White Pine Ln, Spokane 99223 or Sandy Colquhoun, 8524 E Sandlewood Ln, Spokane 99217. Payments can also be made in person at the June Luncheon or on July 8th at Game Day. Following July 8, if dues have not been paid, membership in Compass Club will be deactivated.

Sandy Colquhoun / Membership



Trailblazers

Whoo-hoo!! Here are the details for our 2025 Trailblazers Trip!!

The Jet Boat half-day tour of the Snake River/Hells Canyon area includes a box lunch, wild animals (hopefully), and cultural history.

Date: June 16

Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Tour Company: Beamers Hells Canyon Tours (www.hellscanyontours.com) / 509.758.4800.

Price: \$175 per person

Open to members & family or friends

Reservation Info: Ask for Shelby and say you are with the Compass Club group to get the 10% discount.

Launch Info: Park at the Holiday Inn and walk down to the boats. The tour launches from the river side of the Holiday Inn.



Clarkston is roughly two hours from Spokane. After the trip, some of us will be spending the night at the Holiday Inn (509.758.9500) - we're retired ... let's take it easy. The motel is also offering a discount if you mention Beamers. Online the price average is \$120. Be sure to check other discount options and other motels in the area: Best Western Plus at Hells Canyon and Motel 6.

If you would rather camp, possibilities nearby include Granite Lake RV Resort, Hells Gate State Park, and Chief Timothy Park.

DO NOT WAIT TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION!! There is limited availability at both Beamers and the Holiday Inn.

This will be a blast!!

If you have any questions, please contact Vicki at 509.466.8632 or Ldandsc@gmail.com

Vicki Deschaine / Trailblazers Co-Chair

Game Day

SECOND ANNUAL GAME DAY
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025, 10 AM TO 2 PM,
ROCKWOOD SOUTH HILL EVENT CENTER
Reservations & payment due by 6/27

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2. Invite 3 friends to play that game with you on Game Day (Friends = other Compass Club members or non-member friends with whom you enjoy playing a card or board game) or if you would like to come alone—fill out a form and send it with your payment. Pick-up games will be available.
3. Fill out the Registration Form (due by June 27th) found at the end of the newsletter or on the web page, and return it with your payment for the lunch that will be served.

Questions? Contact **Maureen Boutz** at myboutz@hotmail.com

Walking Club

Miriam Culwell and Jean Leonard started walking together and thought others might want to join in, so if you'd like to go with us on occasional walks on Tuesday and Thursday mornings over the summer months, read on.

Here are the basics:

We will walk on Tuesday and Thursday mornings:

- 9:00am to 10:00am
- Roughly 2 miles and mostly flat and paved trails (e.g. Centennial Trail)
- Tuesdays will be in the Glenrose area of the South Hill (Meeting location will be sent if you're joining us)
- Thursday's location will vary week to week and will be announced in the weekly emails
- Due to personal activities, there may be days we will not be walking
- Miriam will communicate details in an email each week as to whether or not there is a scheduled walk and the location

If you are interested in receiving weekly emails over the summer, email Miriam, teamculwell@comcast.net and she'll set up a distribution list. After that, you only need to email if you will join us on a given day, so we know to wait for you, or if you want to be removed from the list.

Miriam Culwell / teamculwell@comcast.net

Pizza Party

Pizza party for Compass Club members!

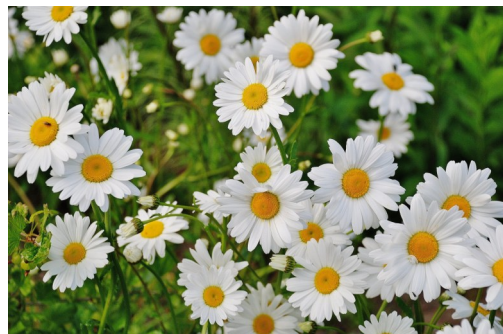
We will have a Pizza Party on Tuesday, August 5th at noon at Round Table Pizza on the corner of Sullivan and Sprague (15402 East Sprague) in Spokane Valley.



This members-only event will be a great way to stay connected as there are no luncheons in July or August.

Compass Club will supply the pizza, iced tea, and soda. Other beverages are available for purchase. NO RSVP is required, just show up, and we will order pizza based on number of people present.

Your Compass Club Board



June 2025

(for a calendar through August — see our website)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29 Deadline for Luncheon Reser- vations—noon	May 30	May 31
1	2	3 June Luncheon check-in 11-11:30 (pg 1)	4 Mahjong 1p (pg 5)	5	6	7
8 BYOB 3p (pg4)	9	10 Mexican Train 1p (pg5)	11	12 Books & Coffee 10a (pg 3)	13	14
15	16 Jet Boat Trip Quilt & Stitch 1p (pgs 4 & 8)	17 Ukulele Group 1pm (pg 3)	18 Mahjong 1p (pg 5)	19	20	21
22	23	24 Daytime Books 1 pm (pg 3)	25	26 Wine & Spirits 3p (pg 4)	27 Last day for Game Day regis- tration (8&14)	28
29	30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5

Interest Groups

Hello Dear Friends:

As I am headed out the door to turn the keys over to our new Interest Group Chair, Kathleen Howlett, I wanted to thank you for all the fun I've had serving you. Kathleen will do a fabulous job.

The Board was very enthusiastic about my idea of having an Interest Group Fair, but unfortunately with all the fabulous events at our luncheons, there just wasn't enough time. The Fair is tentatively scheduled for the October Luncheon. The Fair will showcase all of our Interest Groups with representatives available to give information before the meeting portion of the luncheon begins.

These groups are wonderful, and they are the foundation of our club. Even if you don't think a group is your 'cup of tea' or aren't sure what all is involved, be assured that you are welcome to visit each to see if one or all are a good fit for you. Bonus: Great way to make new friends. I know you will join me in supporting the groups and Kathleen.

Shari Russell / Outgoing Interest Group Chair

Compass Club Board Members & Interest Group Chairs 2025-2026

Board Members	Names	Interest Groups	Chairs
President	Kathi Brandmueller	Books & Coffee	Kathi Brandmueller
Vice Presidents	Maureen Boutz Carole Parfet	Bunco	Lynn Troop
Recording Scty	Susie Volwiler	BYOB	Vicki Deschaine
Corresponding Scty	Kathy Cousineau	Crafts & Chats	Shari Russell
Treasurer	Dorothy Klepp	Daytime Books	Kathy Cousineau
Membership	Sandy Colquhoun	Ladies Who Lunch	Vicki Deschaine
Philanthropy	Julie Tveit	Mexican Train	Connie Donelson
Fundraising	Vacant at the moment	Mahjong	Colleen Maroney
50-50 / Bingo	Shirley Calkins Barbara Boniface	Quilt & Stitch	Anne Slauson
Interest Groups	Kathleen Howlett	The Social Club	Phyllis Packwood
Reservations	Sheryl Krauser	Trailblazers	Vicki Deschaine Shari Russell
Hostess	Danielle Day	Ukulele Group	Kathi Brandmueller
Newsletter/Web Page/Blasts	Victoria McDonald Launa Norman	Walking Group	Miriam Culwell
Decorations	Susan Miles	Wine & Spirits	Mimi Anderson Pat Partovi

Please consult your directory for contact information

News from the Compass Club News Team:

- Member profiles will continue in the September newsletter.
- Please consult <https://spokanecompassclub.org> for current information and live links. The website is updated when the newsletter is released.

Launa Norman & Victoria McDonald / CCNT—compassclubnews@gmail.com



May Luncheon
Centerpiece ~
Susan Miles



Winners of the Barefoot Contessa luncheon (an auction item) hosted by Pat Partovi, lower right ~ Tom Partovi



Pictures from May Bunco with
Baaaaabs the Bunco Lamb making an
appearance ~ Susan Miles



The Compass Rose ~ Chico's Fashion Show at May Luncheon 13



Fashion Show Models: Kathy Cousineau, Sheryl Krauser, Carole Parfett, Danielle Day, Sandy Colquhoun, and Maggie Crawford (below l to r) ~ Dorothy Klepp

Danielle doing the splits →



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- Get better acquainted with Compass Club members if you are new to the group

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- Invite 3 friends to play that game with you on Game Day (Friends = other Compass Club members or non-member friends with whom you enjoy playing a card or board game) **OR** if you aren't in a game group and want to participate, come along and we'll find you a game to play! (There will Mexican Train, Rummikube, Scrabble, and 2 decks of regular cards at a minimum).
- Fill out reservation form below and send with payment for all players (checks made to Compass Club preferred) **by June 27** to: Maureen Boutz, 2624 E. White Pine Lane, Spokane 99223

On day of play:

- Bring your own board game or cards for your table of four.
- Check in
- If you are in a group of 4, find a table and set up your game. If you are not in a group of 4, we'll find you a spot and then you can choose the game your group decides to play.
- Welcome and Brief comments about Compass Club, membership, luncheons, interest groups, Philanthropy for year
- Buy Philanthropy raffle tickets
- Game time!
- Break for salad buffet lunch at noon
- Raffle drawing at 1 pm
- After lunch, continue playing until 2 pm or leave when you choose prior to 2 pm

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TUESDAY, JULY 8, 10 AM TO 2 PM, SUMMIT EVENT CENTER, ROCKWOOD SOUTH HILL

I/WE WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL GAME DAY.

Player 1: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

ENCLOSED IS \$22 for each player for lunch.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **COMPASS CLUB** and **return by June 27**. SEND THIS FORM AND CHECK TO: **MAUREEN BOUTZ, GAME DAY ORGANIZER, 2624 E. WHITE PINE LANE, SPOKANE WA 99223**