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From Boy of the Year to Community Leader

AFTER OVER 50 YEARS at The Club for Boys, both as an attendee in his youth and as a member of the Club's staff, Assistant Executive Director Mark Kline continues to exemplify the qualities that led to him being recognized as Boy of the Year in 1976: leadership, respect, and a dedication to bettering the Club for all.

"For Mark, his time at The Club for Boys isn't work, it's his passion. That passion is contagious, and many others have found energy from him. He plays a meaningful role in many young lives," explains Executive Director Doug Herrmann.

Mark's pivotal role in the lives of area youth, along with his advocacy for quality after school programming on a local and state level, has recently earned him another notable recognition - the prestigious 2022 SACCY Award from the SoDakSACA.

For 34 years, Mark has dedicated his career to making a difference at The Club for Boys, the same program that was beneficial to him in his formative years. According to Doug, that dedication can be seen in every corner of the Club. "Mark has his hands in everything, from staff training to day-to-day operations. His value here at the Club is quite unbelievable, on so many levels."

Among the many Club operations that Mark oversees is the food program, ensuring members receive nutritious, hearty meals throughout the year. He also manages the Club's Christmas Tree sales, which he has successfully transformed from a simple fundraiser into a youth training opportunity where crucial job-related skills are honed.

Mark's biggest impact, however, is in the personal connections he builds by working directly with Club members.



**PASSION
IS CONTAGIOUS**

Mark Kline, Assistant Executive Director of The Club for Boys, holding his 2022 SACCY Award.

“Something that really amazes me about Mark is that he knows everyone and he knows them by their name, even former Club members. I've seen boys, who are now men, break down after coming into the Club and reuniting with him and realizing the impact he made on them when they were a child.”

—Doug Herrmann, Executive Director

To those that know and work with Mark, his SACCY win was more than well-deserved. "The mission of the SoDakSACA is to promote quality Out-Of-School Time programs for children and youth through professional

development and public advocacy. I feel Mark personifies this mission every day, and has been carrying out the mission his entire career," said Doug.



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10th ANNIVERSARY

HOOKED ON HARDWATER

THE CLUB FOR BOYS



10 Years of Memories on the Ice

Over the ten years since its beginning, Hooked on Hardwater has grown substantially, uniting an increasing number of professional anglers with members of The Club for Boys each year for an unforgettable day of ice fishing. The growth of the event, however, has not changed the overall mission of Hooked on Hardwater: providing boys the opportunity for quality one-on-one time with a positive role model.

"No matter how big this event becomes, we will not lose sight of the most important part of the event – the interactions between caring adults and our boys. That is special," explained Dave Oyler, professional consultant at The Club for Boys.

On Saturday morning, the boys are up bright and early to gear up, eat a hearty breakfast, and head to Deerfield Lake to reunite with their pros, they met on Friday evening at the Meet and Greet.

Once at the lake, the sight of the pros and all their ice fishing equipment is one to behold.

"When you first get up there, it looks like a town or small city on the ice, with all of the ice shacks, UTVs and people," Director of Development Chantel McDonnell explained. **"Then, as the bus pulls up, all of the boys come running to greet their pro."**

Over the following hours, lines are dropped, fish are caught, and memories are made. "Words can't really describe what happens on the ice. It's magical," Chantel said. "To our boys, it is an opportunity to spend time with a positive caring adult and it creates memories that they will last a lifetime."

Hooked on Hardwater wraps up on Saturday evening with a banquet featuring an auction, raffles, and socializing.

Fishing pros often take the stage to share their story of the day on the ice with their boy, but many are so overcome with emotion from their experience they are unable to speak.

Witnessing the pros' reactions is humbling. "The pros are so invested. It's exciting to see them volunteering their time to come here, take time away from their full-time jobs and families, to spend time with our members," Chantel remarked.



"Words can't really describe what happens on the ice... **IT'S MAGICAL.**"



"It takes a lot of people to make this successful and we couldn't be more grateful to everyone involved. I can't wait to see how this event continues to grow in future years."

—Chantel McDonnell,
Director of Development

A Tutor's Story

Shawna Meisman, a fourth-grade teacher at Wilson Elementary, was unsure of what to expect when she began tutoring at The Club for Boys this past November. At the time, the tutoring program was getting reworked, and no one knew how many Club members would participate.

"I had no idea what I was walking into," Shawna recalled. "But I have been surprised with how quickly the boys are invested. I'll see boys in the hallway at school and they'll ask, 'Are you coming to the Club tonight?' It's exciting that they're looking forward to it too."

"Working down here takes a special person because it's all boys, there's a lot of energy. And we're a choice club, so members can decide how they spend their time and academics is usually not the first choice," Education Director Gregg McNabb explained.

However, in the short time she has been at the Club, Shawna has turned her tutoring sessions into a hotspot for the younger members. A popular activity is bingo, which lets boys indulge in a little friendly competition for prizes while boosting their math skills.

"We like to focus on fun, relationships, and getting the boys excited to be here," Shawna said. "And I enjoy it as well! It doesn't feel like a job – it feels like I get to come here and hang out with kids for a couple hours."



“It's my favorite person in the whole world!”



Shawna Meisman, Fourth-Grade teacher at Wilson Elementary, during a tutoring session with one of the members at The Club for Boys.

Shawna also appreciates the opportunity to work more closely with youth to establish a deeper connection. "With a classroom of thirty kids, it's always go, go, go. Here, I can work with three or four boys and really develop that relationship."

Describing the affect that Shawna's tutoring lessons has had on Club members, Gregg said, "I've seen Shawna and these boys develop a relationship where the boys are more willing to show their vulnerabilities. They start to trust her, start to believe in her. Which extends beyond these walls."

The boys have made a positive impact on Shawna as well. "I walked in the Club the other day and one of the boys ran up to me and said 'It's my favorite person in the whole world!'" she remembered fondly. "He had no idea how badly I needed to hear that!"

Shawna is excited for the future of the tutoring program at The Club for Boys. "We're still in the early stages. I think it's only going to get bigger and better."



Thanks to your help,
we are able to provide the Education Center to all Club members as a center and resource for reading, homework help, exploratory learning, and technology access!

“ The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each team member is the team. ”

—Phil Jackson



More Than a Game

On Thursday evenings in March and April, you can tell something special is going on at The Club for Boys when you first drive up to the building. Vehicles fill the parking lot and exhilaration permeates the air. Upon entering the building, you can hear the cheers and excitement, from the players to the scorekeepers to the families in attendance. The occasion? Game night for the Club's Basketball League.

Back when the league started in 1966, the opportunities for youth to take part in sports was limited. “We didn't have the traveling basketball teams and the soccer and baseball leagues. And even if we did, many families didn't have the funds or the transportation,” Mark Kline, assistant executive director at The Club for Boys, explained.

Today, the 9- through 12-year-old Club members that play in the league meet weekly for practice in the gymnasium, where they learn the basics of basketball and the responsibilities of belonging to a team.

However, the players are not the only ones that benefit from the league. All Club members can join in the fun

as coaches, photographers, referees, and scorekeepers, giving every boy the chance to belong to a team. “This isn't a passive program; we actively recruit boys throughout the Club that we believe can benefit from participating in the league,” Mark said.

And while there is applause each time the ball swooshes through the hoop or a player successfully grabs a rebound, the league's real highlights are the sportsmanship skills that are developed and the lifelong friendships that are made.

“ It's amazing the difference it makes in a child's life to be part of a team,” observed Mark. “Part of the Club's purpose is to develop self-esteem and teach values, and basketball is one of the tools that we use to do so. ”

Upcoming Dates

Hooked on Hardwater Banquet

Saturday, February 25, 2023
5:00pm

@ The Central States Fairgrounds
Event Center

29th Annual Corporate Free Throw

Monday, March 20 through
Friday, March 24, 2023

@ The Club For Boys Gym

Family Easter Party

Friday, April 7, 2023
10:00am - 1:00pm

@ The Club For Boys
(Lunch will be served. Current Club
Members and Families Only.)

Family Night

Friday, April 28, 2023
5:00pm - 7:30pm

@ The Club For Boys
(Dinner will be served. Current Club
Members and Families Only.)

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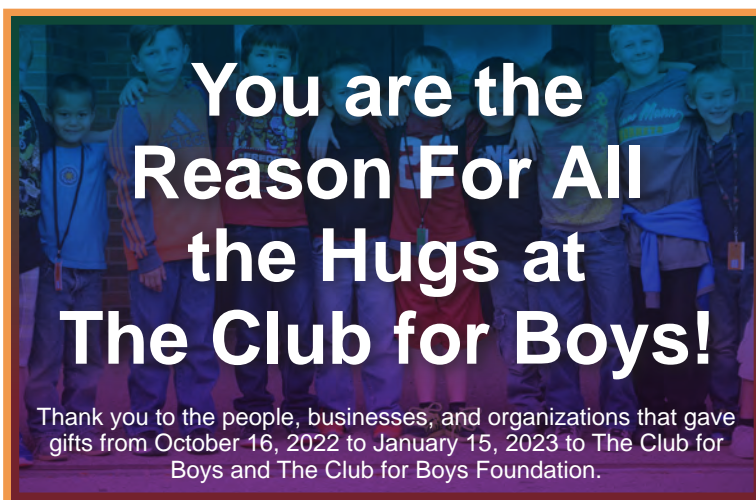
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