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# TIGHT LINES

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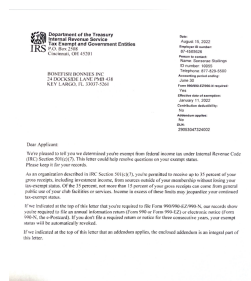


Marking the end of the summer holidays  
while honoring those whose work  
makes our nation strong.

## Beginning of a new season...

Instead of the usual Labor Day lament, **"Where did the summer go?"**, let's revisit *Shakespeare's Sonnet 18* and use his lament, **"and summer's lease hath all too short a date."**

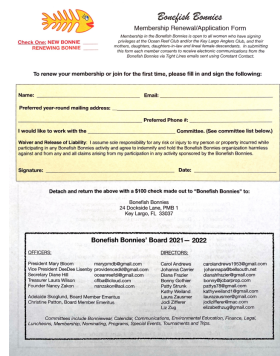
President Laura Wilson and members of the Bonnies' Board of Directors have made the most of their summer's lease in planning for the upcoming season and are eager to share some exciting news.



## Federal Income Tax Exemption...

In a letter recently received from the Department of the Treasury, the Internal Revenue Service has determined that Bonfish Bonnies, Inc. is exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(7). This section of the Code recognizes our corporation as "organized for pleasure, recreation and other nonprofitable purposes".

The effective date of exemption is January 11, 2022. Many thanks to our attorney, Abigail Watts-FitzGerald, for her efforts on our behalf.



## Membership Registration (this IS exciting)...

October 1st the Bonnies will continue our transition to "going paperless". For the first time ever we will be able to register our renewing and new memberships online using our ORC membership numbers.

**Never fear!** During this transition year you will still be receiving a paper membership form in the U.S. mail as usual but you will also be receiving a special membership edition of *Tight Lines* that will have the link for online registration

as well as the new Liability Waiver which covers all of the possible events you might participate in during the season. No more signing waivers for every tournament.

The membership link will also be available October 1st for new and renewing members on our website, [BonefishBonnies.com](http://BonefishBonnies.com). Many thanks to our WebMistress, Amy Cornaire, for all of her good work on the website.

*Please note: While members may sign the Liability Waiver online, anyone under the age of eighteen participating in a Bonnie activity will have to have her parent or guardian sign a hard copy of the Waiver as required by law.*



### ***Membership Survey...***

The Board of Directors wants to hear from you. The next edition of *Tight Lines* that you receive this month will be a ten question survey. Just a few minutes to fill it out and let the Board know what you're thinking. Please take a moment and help the Board in planning for the future. Thank you.



### ***Fishing, Fun and Friendship...***

The Bonnies 2022-23 Calendar of Events will be published soon. In addition to all of our annual events, the Board is happy to say that the Bonnies' Cooking School meeting is back by popular demand. Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 19, 2023. And don't forget to mark your calendars for our opening meeting on November 16, 2022.

**"The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions of hope."**

John Buchan, Scottish author and historian

