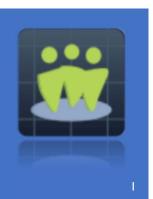
Closing the Investment Club's Books at Year-End 2021

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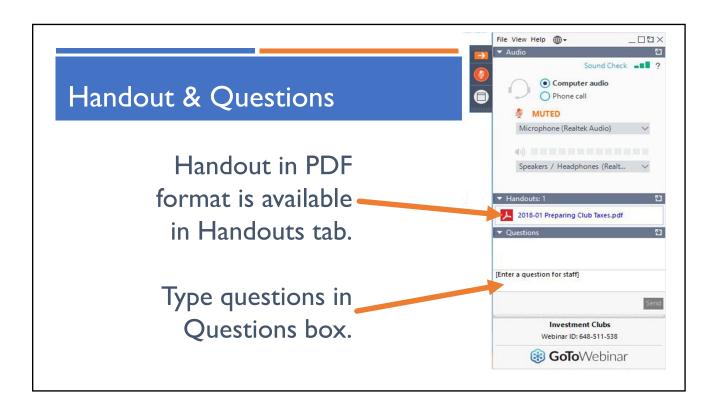
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Upcoming Tax Preparation Webinars



Filing the Investment Club's 2021 Taxes

January 18, 2022, 9:00-10:00 ET

2021 Investment Club Tax Clinic

February 15, 2022, 9:00-10:00 ET



UPDATES ON 2021 CLUBTAX PRINTERS

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myICLUB.com Club Tax Printers



- Federal: Supports IRS e-Filing or paper filing.
- Supported States:
 - e-Filing provided for AZ, IN (New for 2021!).
 - E-Filing also provided for CA, MA, NY, NJ, & WI.
 - Paper filing provided for CO, GA, IA, MD, MN, MO, OR, PA.
 - Other states should confirm requirements.

What's New for 2021 Tax Year?



- Only myICLUB.com is supported for 2021 season.
 - Club Accounting 3 should convert to myICLUB.com ASAP.
- IRS has changed reporting of income from foreign investments.
- ICLUBcentral will cover tax return generation in January 18, 2022 webinar.
- myICLUB.com Tax Printers will be released in early 2022.

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Year-End & Tax Return Calendar



DEC

Pre-Order Club Tax Printer & Create Audit Committee.
Remind Members of Tax Schedule.

JAN

Confirm all 2021 Transactions Are Recorded in Books.
Remind Members of Tax Schedule.

FEB

Receive & Confirm 1099s. Audit Books. Remind Members of Tax Schedule.

MAR

By March 15: Generate & File Club IRS Return, & Distribute K-1s to Partners.

Plus State Tax Returns if Applicable!



CLOSING YOUR CLUB'S BOOKS

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"Closing the Books" Objectives



- I. Ensure accuracy of club's books by catching errors before they compound & become incredibly difficult to resolve.
- 2. Provide members with details about club performance & results.
- 3. Comply with partnership tax law & prepare to generate federal & state tax returns.



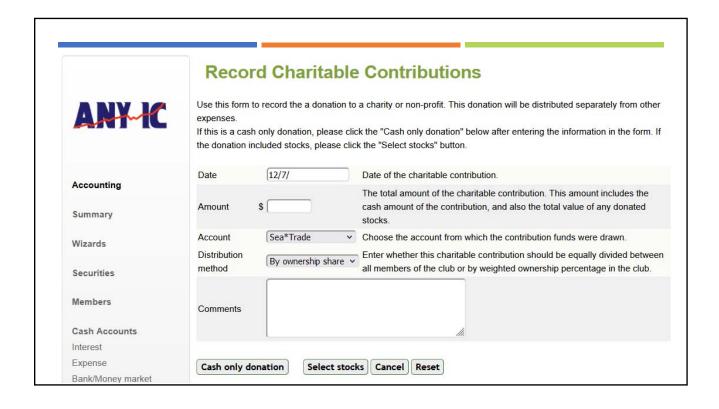
THINGS TO CONSIDER IN DECEMBER

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Charitable Donation from the Club



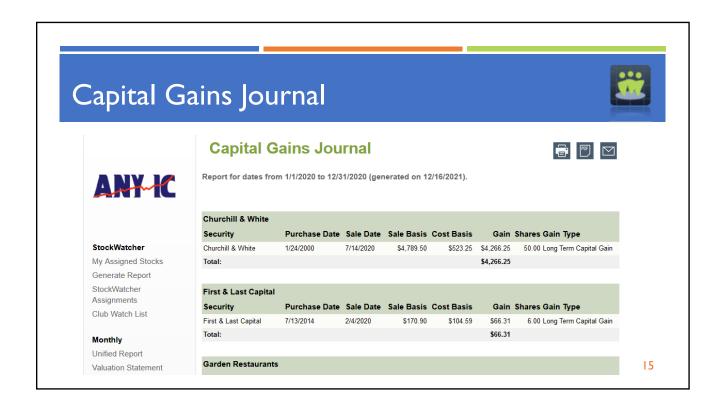
- Consider making donations to eligible charities.
- Charitable deduction passes through to members.
- For donations of securities, cost basis is stepped up to present value (thus can avoid capital gains)!
- Club can donate securities or cash.
 - ICLUBcentral software is only software that supports donations of securities.

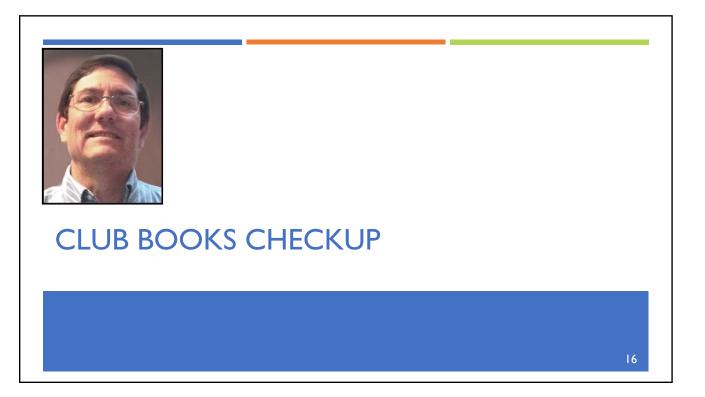


Harvest Capital Gains & Losses



- If club has sold securities in year with gains and/or losses, consider offsetting w/sales at year-end.
 - If have lots of capital gains, consider selling stocks held at loss.
 - Don't re-purchase until 31 days after sale, or else sale is "wash sale" & loss is disallowed>
 - If have lots of capital losses, consider selling stocks with high unrealized capital gains.
 - Can help reduce overweighting or reduce exposure to overvalued securities.
- Review realized gains/losses on Capital Gains Journal & unrealized gains/losses on Valuation Statement.





Good Time to Review Settings



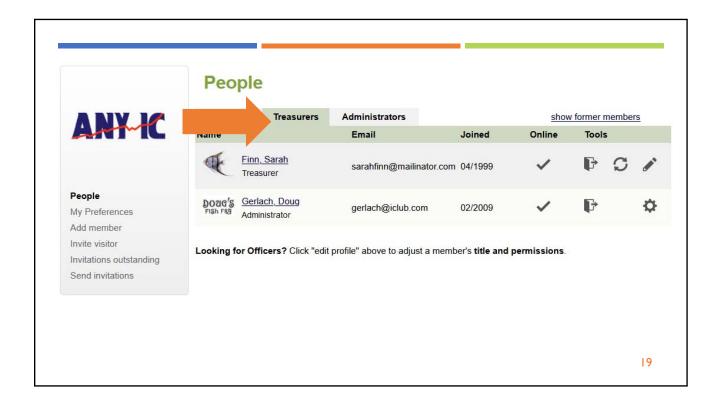
- There are number of settings that apply to members, securities,
 mylCLUB.com accounting that should be reviewed
 periodically.
- If settings are incorrect, could lead to erroneous tax returns or other problems.

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Check Treasurer Privileges



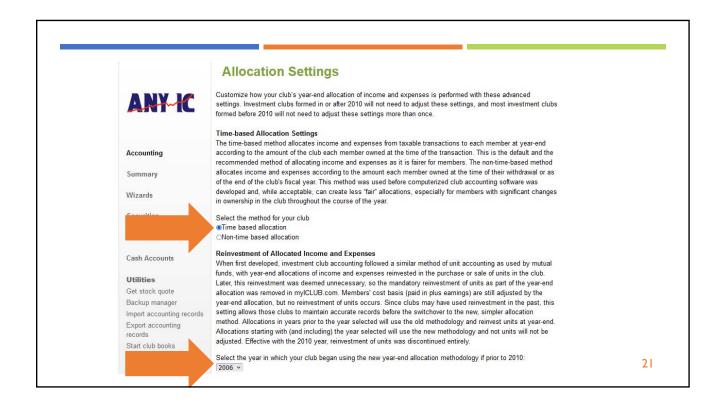
- Only those members who are serving in Treasurer or Administrator Roles should have privileges to record accounting information in myICLUB.com.
- Can review in **People** tab by selecting **Treasurers** tab.
- Admin should remove any unnecessary privileges in Member's Profile.



Check Recommended Allocation Settings



- Clubs formed after 2010 shouldn't have to worry about these unless they were changed from defaults.
- Check allocation method:
 - Should use "Time-based" allocation. (Allocates income/expenses & gains/losses to members as of ownership on date of each transaction.)
 - Fairer to members with different ownership levels.
- Check unit distribution/reinvestment method:
 - Do NOT distribute/reinvest units (it's needlessly complex & messes up return calculations).
 - Select 1st year you did/will not distribute units. (New clubs: 1st year of operation is selected by default.)

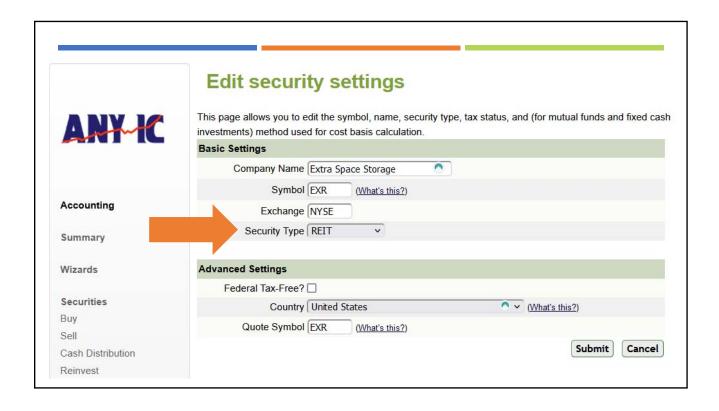


Correctly Identify Types of All Securities



- Check Settings for each Security owned by club in tax year:
 - myICLUB.com: Accounting > Securities > Update Security Settings
- Ensure "Type" is correct:

| Security Type | Set in Program As: |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Stocks | Stocks - Common |
| Mutual Funds | Mutual Fund |
| Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) | Stocks - REIT |
| Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) | Other |
| Limited Partnerships & Other | Other |

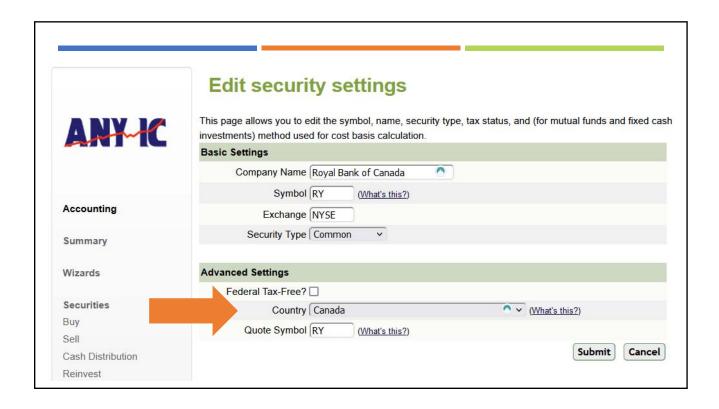


Securities to Avoid in Clubs Some securities pose problems for clubs: Gold/Commodity ETFs. Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). Royalty Trusts. Publicly Traded Partnerships (PTPs). Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs). Problems include additional complexity for treasurer (workarounds, manual calculations & entries), additional tax form filings. Contact ICLUBcentral for (limited) support on dealing with these securities. Recommend selling <u>now</u> before another year passes (to eliminate problems in future years).

Correctly Identify Countries of All Securities



- New for 2021 tax year: IRS is collecting more information on "foreign" investments.
- Additional schedules (K-2 & K-3) will be required for club & partners.
- All foreign securities must be identified by country.
- Check Security settings:
 - myICLUB.com: Accounting > Securities > Update Security Settings
- Ensure "Country" is correct.



Common Questions about Foreign Income



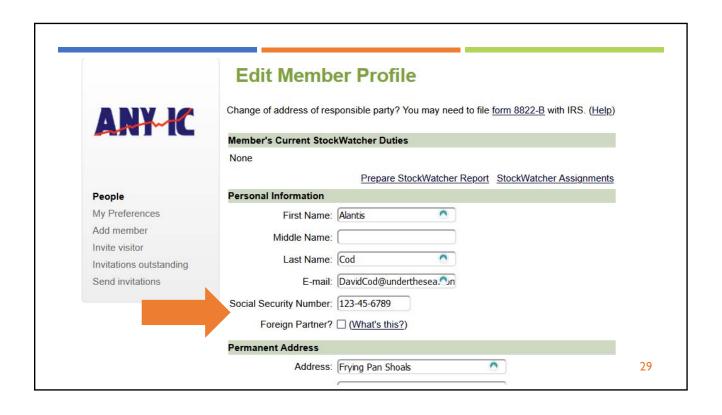
- ADRs are considered "foreign" companies.,
- Income from ETFs & mutual funds are included if derived from foreign securities.
- 1099 from brokerage should identify source country of foreign income.
- According to IRS rules, country of incorporation or registration determines foreign status.
 - Not where company primarily operates or where headquarters are

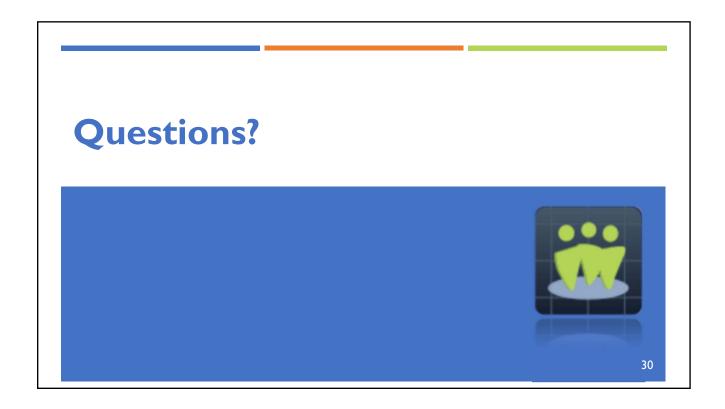
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Ensure Member Information Is Correct



- To prepare club's tax returns, check Member Profiles to make sure data is correct, especially:
 - Social Security/Tax ID numbers.
 - Address.
 - If member is "Foreign partner" (i.e., non-U.S. partner w/out tax ID number). Note: Club Tax Printer does not support foreign partners.
- Check in mylCLUB.com: People > Member Profile for each member.







FINALIZING TRANSACTIONS

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Finalize Club Data in Books



Ensure all transactions up to & including 12/31 are entered in books.

HOWEVER:

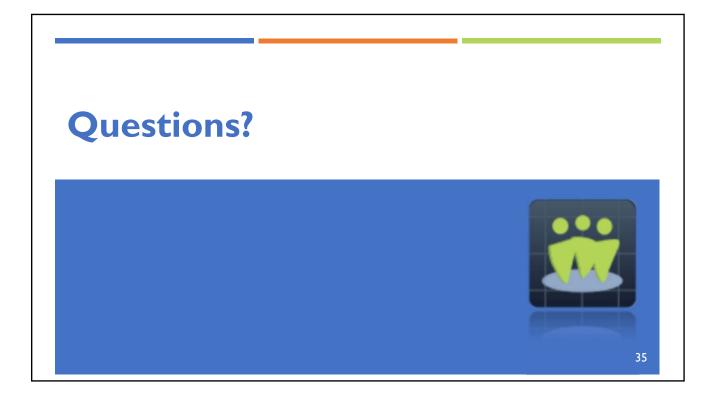
- Do NOT enter withdrawal or other transaction on 12/31.
- Move to 12/30 any transaction that happened on 12/31.
- Move to 12/30 any mutual fund distribution that is paid in next year BUT taxable in prior year.

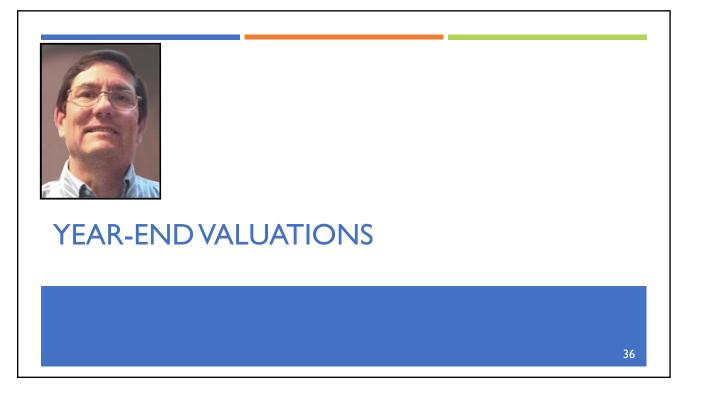
Review Books for Problem Transactions



- Member "Fees" should be used only for penalties.
 - Such as bounced check fees.
 - All other money put in by members should be recorded as Member Payments.
- Member Withdrawals should not be entered on valuation dates.
- All splits should be recorded for all stocks.
- Dividends from stocks should be entered as "Security Transactions."
 - Do not enter as Cash transactions.
 - Must include Ex-Dividend date to determine proper tax treatment.
 - Use myICLUB Securities Distributions Report to review all ex-dividend dates entered & correct.



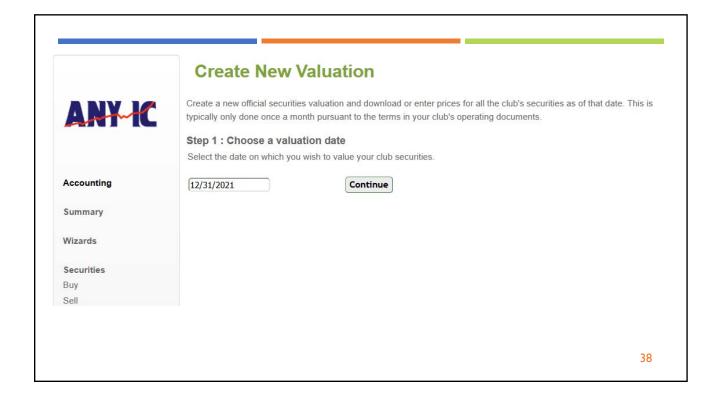


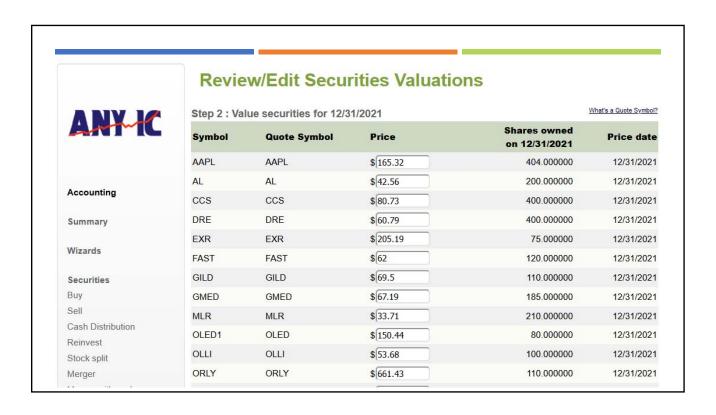


Create Year-End Valuation

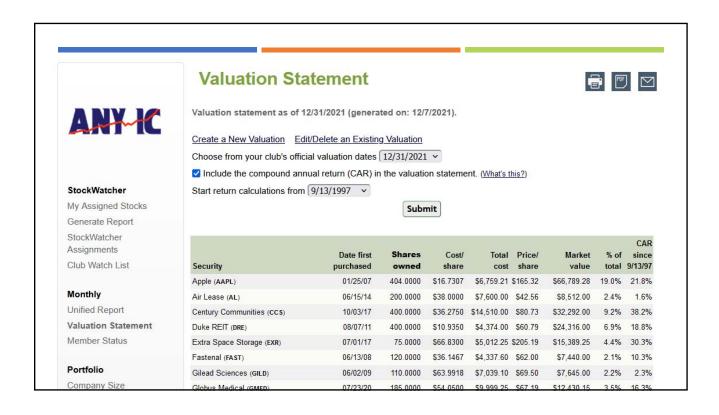


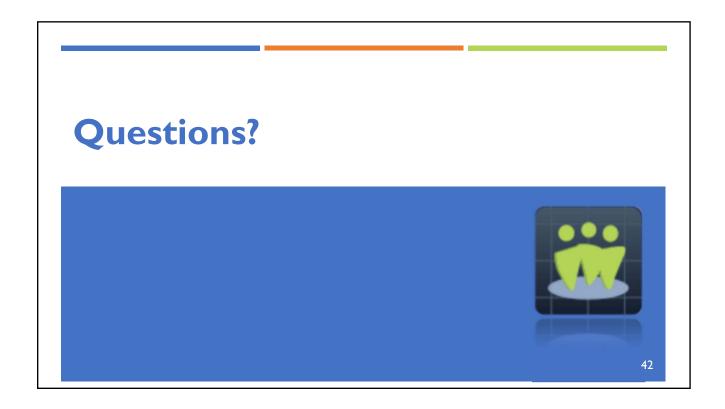
- First, create Securities Valuation/Valuation Statement for 12/31.
 - If market closed on 12/31, security prices from last day market was open will be used (still represents valuations as of 12/31).
 - Do NOT use Valuation Statement from December meeting.
- Remember, do NOT enter any transactions on 12/31 move these to 12/30.













ALLOCATING INCOME & EXPENSES

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Why Allocate Income & Expenses?



- Partnerships (& LLCs) are "pass-through" entities for tax purposes.
 - Partnership income is not taxed federally or by most states, but instead is "passed through" to partners.
- Each year, partnership must allocate to each partner their share of income & expenses.
 - Income & expenses allocated according to each partner's percentage ownership.
 - Required by partnership tax law to track member cost basis in club (PIPE).
- Note: According to IRS, expenses <u>must</u> be allocated by capital account ownership unless otherwise specified in partnership agreement.

Handling ETF/Fund/REIT Distributions



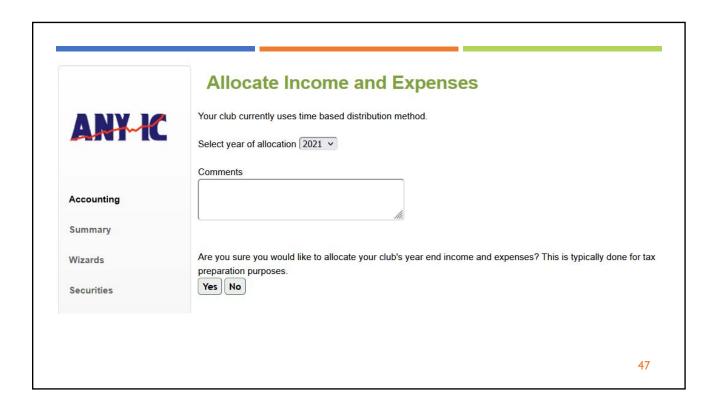
- Distributions from mutual funds, ETFs & REITs are typically recorded in books as Dividends when received.
- However, these are usually reclassified at year-end, split into:
 - Dividends, Short-term & long-term gains, Return of capital, Interest.
- Amounts will be reported on 1099 (may be available directly from fund/REIT's website).
- Each quarterly/monthly distribution must be edited to match reported categories prior to final Allocation of Income & Expenses.
- Some amounts will be recorded during Allocation as well.

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Allocate Income & Expenses



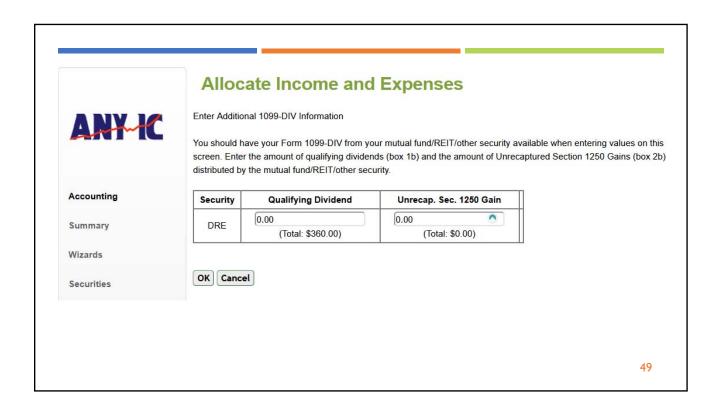
- As of 12/31, allocate income & expenses for entire year.
 - mylCLUB.com: Accounting > Utilities > Allocate income & expenses
- Done only once each year at year-end, generally after receiving 1099s.
 - Can be useful to generate preliminary allocation for members so they have advance notice of tax-related data.
 - Mark as "Preliminary" in comments field & let members know it's subject to revision when figures are validated by 1099s.

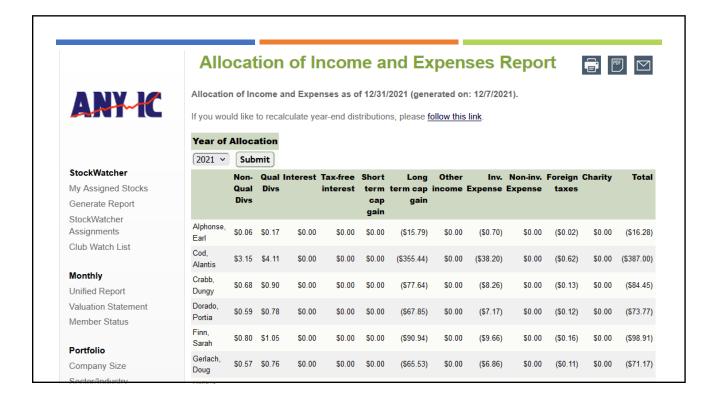


Extra Step for REITs & Mutual Funds



- If own REITs, Mutual Funds, or "Other" securities, you will be prompted to enter any Qualified Dividend or Unrecaptured Section 1250 Gain during Allocation process.
- This figure will be on 1099, but may also be available from REIT or fund website in early January.





Completing Allocation



- Once report is generated, provide copies or link to members.
- Members should know that report should be considered "preliminary" until data is confirmed by 1099.
- NOTE: If any transactions are changed after Allocation is completed, must regenerate.
 - Can regenerate Allocation as often as needed prior to preparing tax returns.

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Questions?





GETTING READY FOR TAX RETURNS

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Collect Financial Institution Documents



- Year-end statements should (mostly) arrive in January.
- Tax documents that must be delivered to customers by Jan 31:
 - 1099-DIV Dividends & Distributions.
 - 1099-INT Interest Income.
 - 1099-MISC Miscellaneous Income.
 - 1099-OID Original Issue Discount.
- Tax documents that must be delivered to customers by Feb 15:
 - 1099-B Proceeds From Broker & Barter Exchange Transactions.
- Tax documents that must be delivered to partners by Mar 15:
 - Schedule K-1 (Form 1065) Share of Income, Credits, Deductions, etc.
 - If club owns a LP or similar, even if trades on exchange, may have to request a filing extension.

Reconcile Club Data



- 1099s are complex as brokerages required to report tax basis of sold stocks (for those bought after 1/2011).
- Info on bank/brokerage tax docs should match what you report to IRS.
 - Exceptions are possible for spinoffs, merger with cash, other corporate action transactions.
- Verify club's books agree with bank/brokerage statements & 1099s.
- Check bank/broker totals from 1099 match totals on:
 - Capital Gains Report.
 - Allocation Report.
 - Valuation Statement.
 - Transaction Summary.

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Provide Reports for Members



- Make sure members know that they have access to:
 - Valuation Statement for 12/31.
 - Allocation of Income & Expenses for 1/1 to 12/31.
 - myICLUB Member Tax Report for tax year.
 - Provides enough detail for tax preparer to begin work on member's return while awaiting K-Is.
 - **NOTE:** No member should file individual tax return <u>until</u> club issues K-Is to members.

Optional Reports to Review



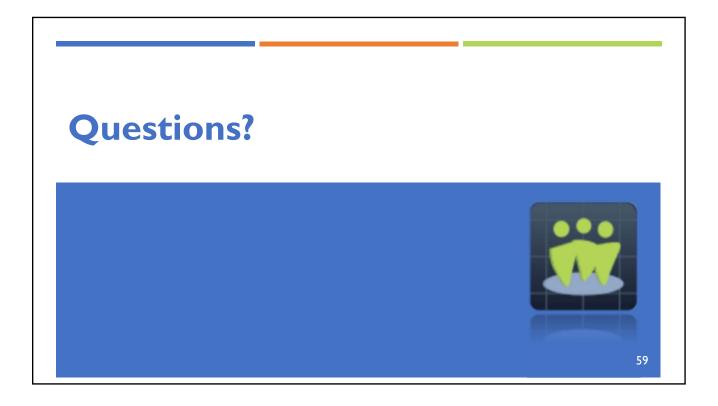
- Can be useful for club to review (perhaps at January meeting):
 - Portfolio Diversification Reports how well is portfolio diversified?
 - Portfolio Benchmarking Report how strong is portfolio performance compared to broad market?
 - Complete Journal for year record of all transactions during year (so members understand where money is coming & going).

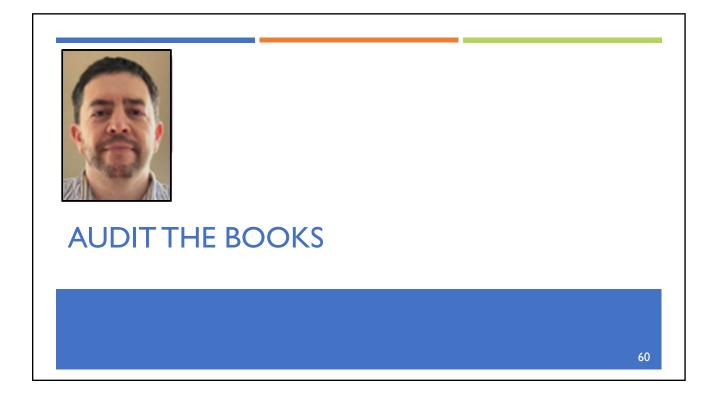
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Order Club Tax Printers



- Order at www.ICLUB.com/taxes/ or call I-877-33-ICLUB.
 - Early bird discount expires 12/31/2021.





What Is a Club Audit?



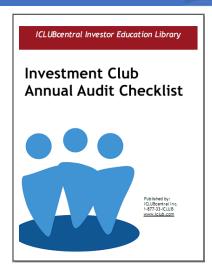
- Annual review of club's books & financial statements by committee of club members.
- Intended to discover errors or potential problems, optimally before filing club's tax returns.
- Required for club fidelity bond.

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How to Audit the Books



- Use "Investment Club Audit Checklist" from ICLUBcentral.
- Download from any of these:
 - Along with handout from this webinar.
 - From ICLUB.com Club Hub (in Learning tab).
 - From your club's myICLUB.com File Storage.



Convene Audit Committee



- Appoint or ask 3 or 4 members to volunteer for committee.
 - Committee elects Chair.
- Can be useful if past Treasurer serves.
- Current Treasurer will provide documents & may be available for questions but is NOT member of committee.

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Schedule Audit



- Audit Committee may choose to meet either:
 - After year-end statements are available (will have more time but may not be able to review 1099s),

OR

After 1099s received (but time may be short to complete task before March 15th tax deadline).

Treasurer Provides Documents



- Detailed reports of all club transactions in year under review:
 - Complete Journal.
 - Transaction Summary Report.
 - Member Deposits Report.
- Brokerage/bank monthly statements.
- Brokerage/bank Form 1099s.
- Brokerage trade confirmations.
- Prior-year's tax returns w/delivery confirmation or e-Filing receipt.

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Audit Committee Meets



 Can meet in person & typically carry out audit in single afternoon,

OR

Committee Chair divides up tasks & distributes virtually, with each member taking on assigned tasks & reporting back.

Review Transactions



- Choose system for comparing transactions in books to those in bank/brokerage account:
 - Review all transactions in year, OR
 - Review all transactions in selected 4-7 random months from year, OR
 - Review random assortment of all kinds of transactions, OR
 - Divide transactions by type ("Distributions," "Member Payments & Withdrawals," "Security buys & sells") & assign each category to single committee member for review (good for virtual audits).

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Special Considerations



- Always pay special attention to larger & unusual transactions.
- Ensure that member payments, fees, expenses, & timing of withdrawals matches policies in club's operating agreements.
- Remember that even small differences in amounts can have unforeseen consequences in future years.
- Make sure prior year's tax return was filed timely & completely.

If Errors Are Found



- Errors could be simple typos/mis-entered numbers or deviations from best practices.
- Report to club & treasurer who should correct in books & regenerate any affected reports (year-end valuation & allocation of income & expenses).

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When Audit Is Completed



- Committee members sign & submit "Annual Verification Report."
- Make recommendations about better procedures.
- Thank Club Treasurer for another great year!
- Keep Report with permanent club's records.



GETTING HELP

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ICLUBcentral Technical Support



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- Second, request online support: www.iclub.com/support/
- Third, call support line: I-877-33-ICLUB
 - Open 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM ET, Monday Friday.
 - Busiest day is Monday plan accordingly!

