# Closing the Investment Club's Books at Year-End 2022

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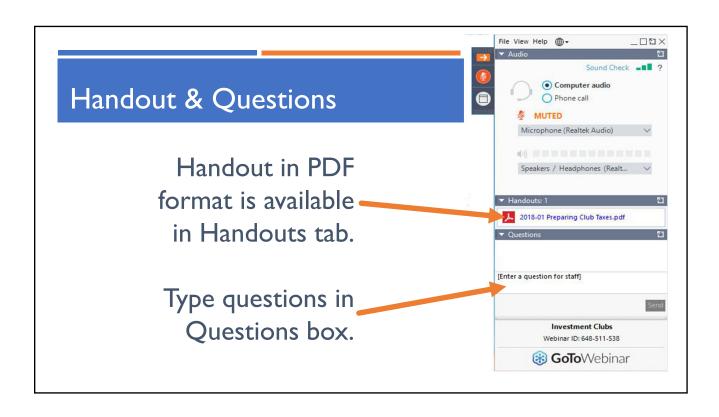
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#### Upcoming Tax Preparation Webinars



January 17, 2023, 8:30-9:30 ET: Filing the Investment Club's 2022 Taxes

February 21, 2023, 8:30-9:30 ET: Investment Club

Tax Clinic

Register at <a href="https://www.ICLUB.com">www.ICLUB.com</a> in Learning tab.

#### What's New for 2022 Tax Year?



- IRS now allows investment clubs to opt out of Schedules K 2 & K-3 as part of Form 1065.
- These report foreign income earned by partnership in tax year.
- K-2 is 20+ pages, while EACH partner's K-3 is ALSO 20+ pages.
- However, reporting required by most investment clubs involves only a few fields on these schedules.
- Following are draft rules from IRS on opting out.

# 4 Conditions to Opt Out of K-2/K-3



- I. Partnership has no or limited foreign activity:
  - a) If there is activity, it must be passive (such as investment income).
  - b) Taxes paid (or withheld) and/or accrued must be less than \$300.
  - c) A payee statement (such as a brokerage firm's Form 1099) must be received.
- 2. Partners are restricted to following:
  - a) U.S or resident alien individuals.
  - b) Domestic trusts (grantor or non-grantor).
  - c) Domestic estates of deceased persons.
  - d) Not a foreign estate or trust.
  - e) Not a foreign individual (an individual who does not have resident alien status).
- 3. All partners must be notified partnership intends to exclude Schedule K-3 from Form 1065 filing no later than when a club furnishes schedule K-1 to partners (March 15).
- 4. No partner requests a Schedule K-3 before one month prior to club's Form 1065 filing.

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# Opt-Out Tool in myICLUB.com



For clubs that qualify, **Taxes** tab at mylCLUB.com has new tool to notify members that K-2/K-3s will **not** be provided.



# Unsupported Club Member Entities



Foreign (non-US) partners who are not resident aliens have never been supported in mylCLUB.com or Club Tax Printer.



- Holders of "green cards" are fine.
- These individuals must have taxes withheld & are subject to different tax reporting requirements.

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# mylCLUB.com Club Tax Printers



- Federal: e-Filing or paper filing.
  - Expect release in January.
- State: e-Filing and/or paper filing offered for AZ, CA, IN, MA, NY, NJ, & WI, CO, GA, IA, MD, MN, MO, OR, PA.
  - Other states may require filings.
- Details offered in January webinar.

#### Tax Return Calendar



JAN

Order mylCLUB.com Club Tax Printers.
Create Audit Committee.
Confirm all 2022 Transactions Are Recorded in Books.

FEB

Receive 1099s & Confirm Accuracy of Data. Convene Audit Committee & Audit Books.

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By March 15: Generate & File Club IRS Return, & Distribute K-1s to Partners. File State Returns by Appropriate Deadlines.

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#### **CLOSING YOUR CLUB'S BOOKS**

#### "Closing the Books" Helps to:



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

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# Use Recommended Allocation Settings

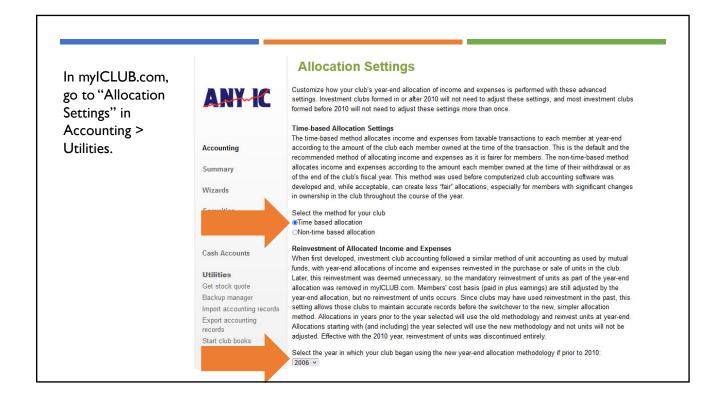


#### Allocation method:

- 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.

#### 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.)

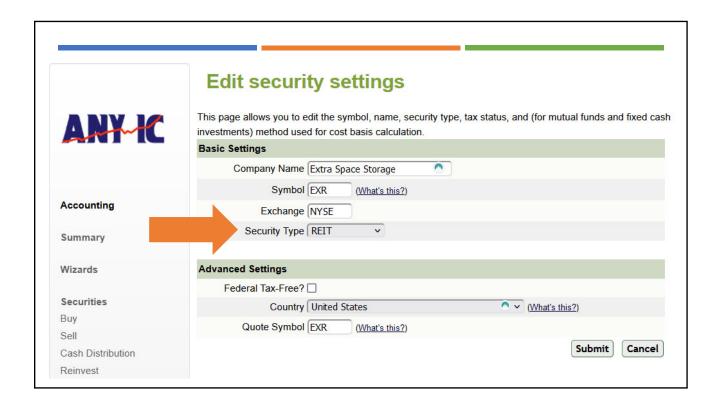


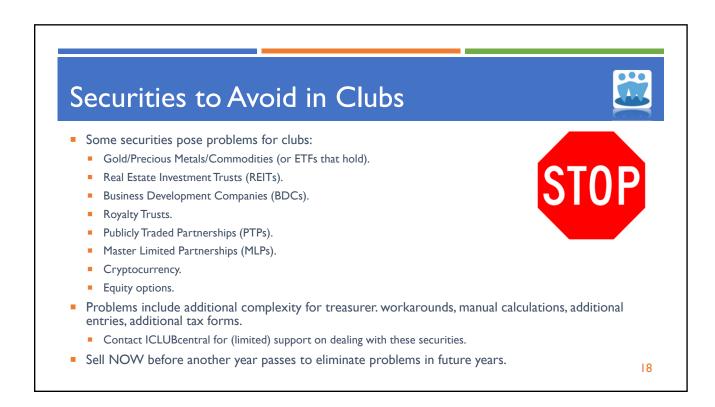
# Correctly Identify Types of All Securities



- Check Security settings:
  - 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





#### Correctly Identify Countries of All Securities



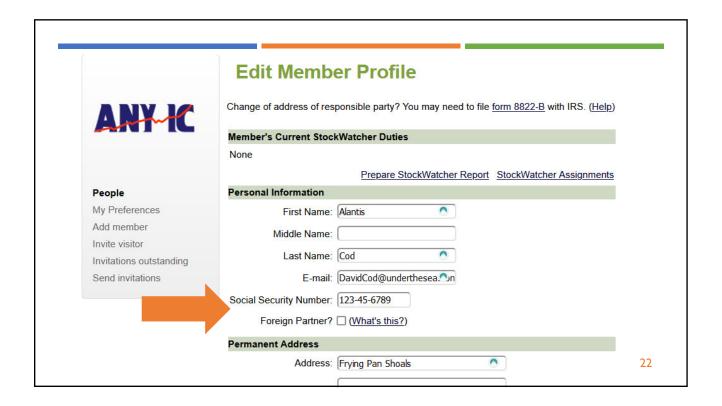
- IRS is collecting more information on "foreign" investments.
  - "Foreign" company is any company that is not a U.S. company.
  - ADRs are included.
- Check Security settings:
  - myICLUB.com: Accounting > Securities > Update Security Settings
- Ensure "Country" is correct.



#### Ensure Member Information Is Correct



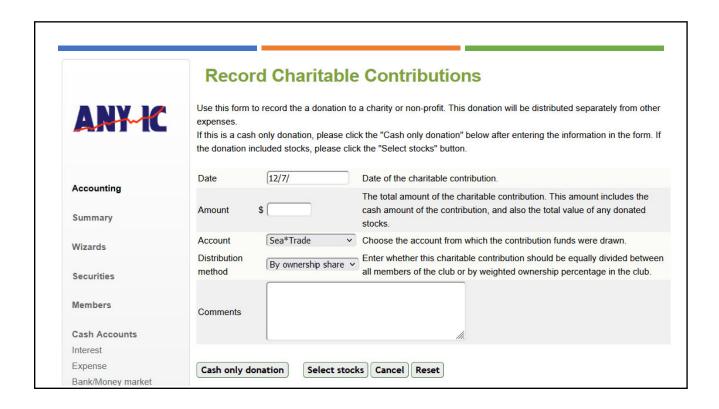
- To prepare club's tax returns, check People > Member Profile to make sure following are correct, especially:
  - Social Security/Tax ID numbers.
  - Address.
  - If member is "Foreign partner."



#### Charitable Donation from the Club



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



#### 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.

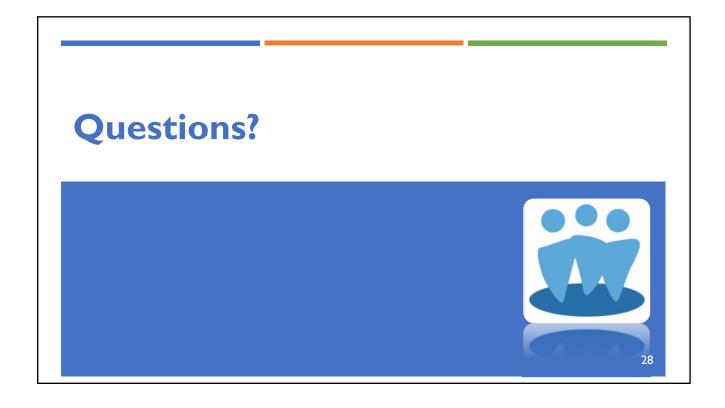
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#### Review Books for Problem Transactions



- 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.
- Dividends from stocks should be entered as "Security Transactions."
  - CAN NOT be entered 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.
- Member Withdrawals SHOULD NOT be entered on valuation dates.
- All splits should be recorded for all stocks.









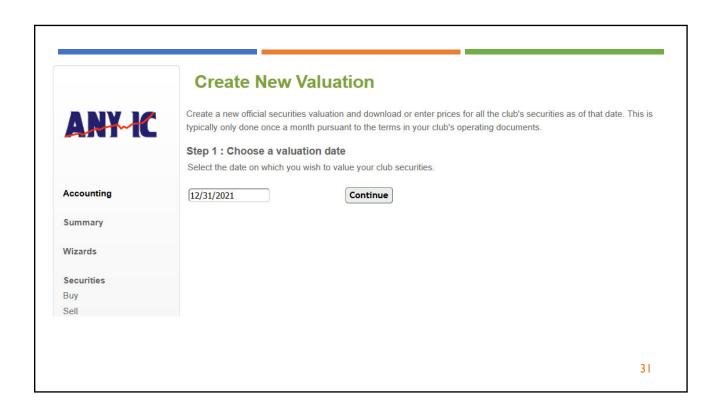
#### YEAR-END VALUATIONS

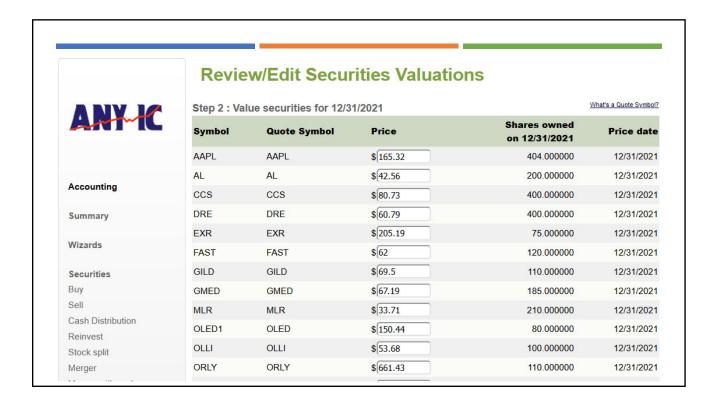
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#### Create Year-End Valuation

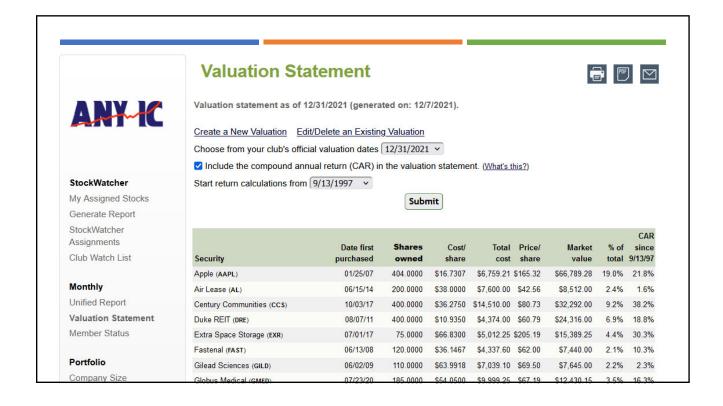


- Clubs must create one year-end valuation to close out year.
- First, create Securities Valuation/Valuation Statement for 12/31.
  - If market closed on 12/31, security prices from last day market was open will be used (still represents valuations as of 12/31).
  - Do NOT use Valuation Statement from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

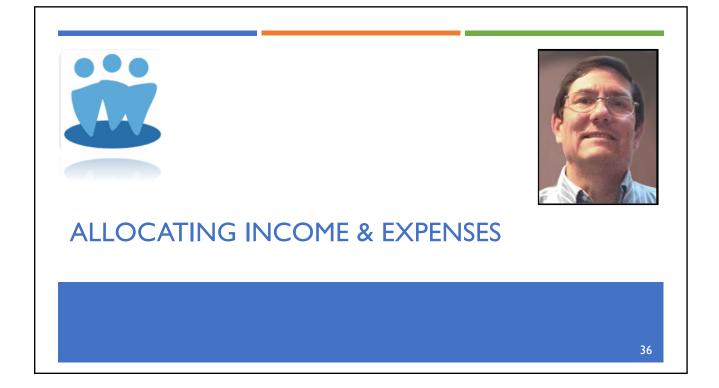








# Questions?



# Why Allocate Income & Expenses?



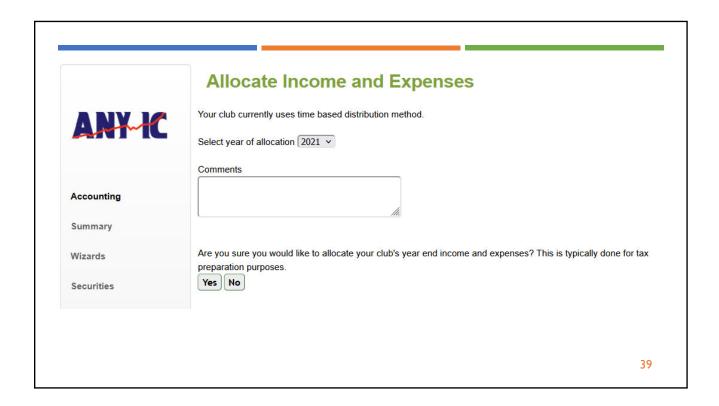
- Partnerships (& LLCs) are "pass-through" entities for tax purposes.
  - Partnership income is not taxed federally or by most states, but instead is "passed through" to partners.
- Each year, partnership must allocate to each partner their share of income & expenses.
  - Income & expenses are allocated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

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#### Allocate Income & Expenses



- After all transactions are entered in mylCLUB.com, allocate income & expenses for entire year.
  - myICLUB.com: Accounting > Utilities > Allocate income & expenses
- Done only once each year at year-end, generally after receiving 1099s.
- Can re-run if necessary.



# Extra Step for REITs & Mutual Funds

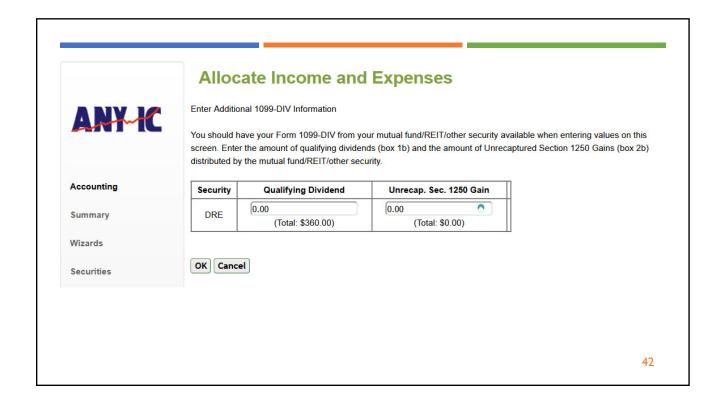


- If own REITs, Mutual Funds, or "Other" securities, you will be prompted to enter any Qualified Dividend or Unrecaptured Section 1250 Gain during Allocation process.
  - Section 199A Dividends + Qualified Dividends on Form 1099 are entered as Dividends in myICLUB.
  - Long-term Capital Gain Distributions + Unrecaptured Section 1250 Gains on Form 1099 are entered as Long-term Capital Gain Distributions.
  - Allocation process will differentiate between these for tax filing.
- This figure will be on Form 1099 from brokerage, but may also be available from REIT or fund website in early January.

# Handling Fund Distributions



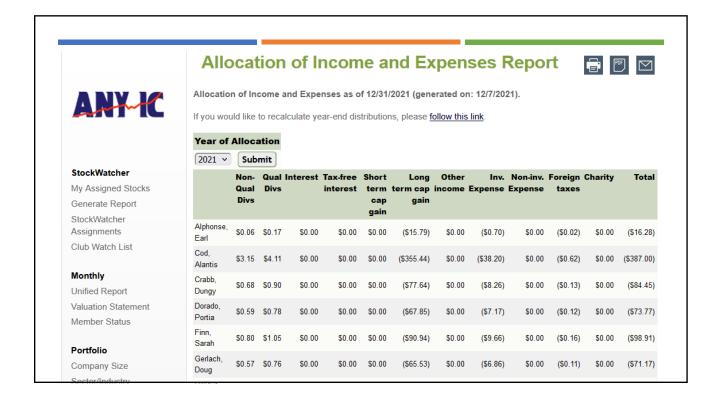
- Mutual funds, REITs, & ETFs report breakdown of quarterly distributions only at year-end.
- Distributions can include:
  - Dividends.
  - Short-term & long-term gains.
  - Return of capital.
  - Interest.
- Other categories will require manual entries in club books.
- If Allocation is done prior to receipt of 1099 information, may need to redo Allocation to correct entries.

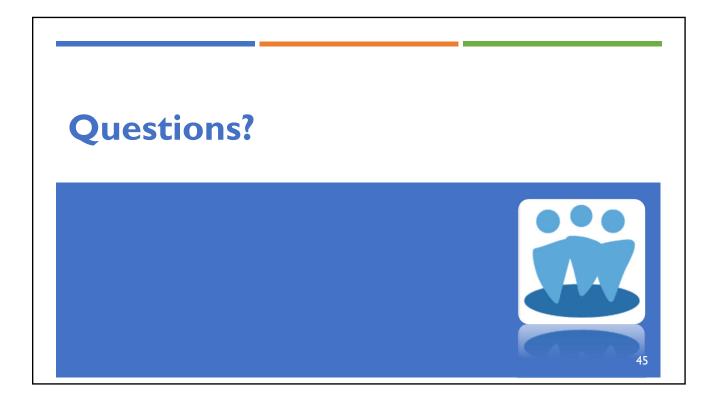


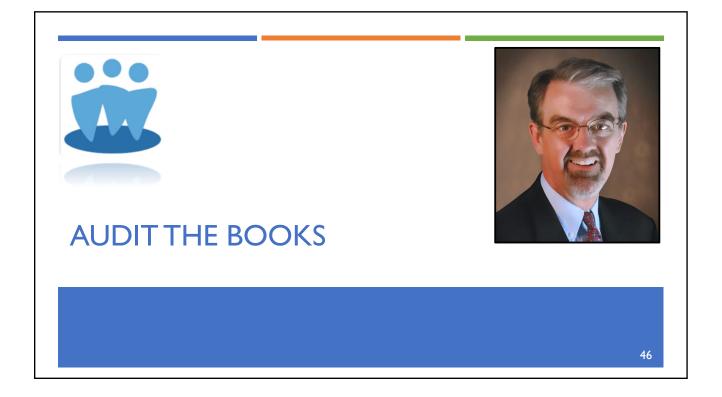
#### Completing Allocation



- Once report is generated, provide copies or link to members.
  - NOTE: If any transactions are changed during prior year, should regenerate Allocation.
  - Members should know that report should be considered "preliminary" until data is confirmed by 1099.
- REMINDER: If needed, can regenerate Allocation as many times as necessary prior to preparing tax returns.







#### What Is a Club Audit?



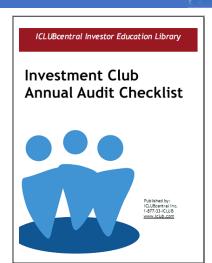
- Experienced treasurers welcome annual audit of club's books.
- Audit process reviews club's transactions & records for year.
- Intended to discover errors or potential problems before filing club's tax returns.
- Can also provide feedback on how treasurer can work more effectively & educate members about treasurer's job.
- Required for Club Fidelity Bond.

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#### How to Audit the Books



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



#### The Audit Committee



- Create Audit Committee of members.
  - Treasurer may be available for questions but is NOT member of committee.
- Committee may choose to meet:
  - After 1099s received (however, time is short before March 15<sup>th</sup> tax deadline), OR
  - When year-end statements are available (when more time is available but committee may not be able to review 1099s).

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# Required Documents for Audit Committee



- Committee can access all necessary detail reports from mylCLUB.com Reports, usually including:
  - Complete Journal.
  - Transaction Summary Report.
  - Member Deposits Report.
- Treasurer provides copies of:
  - Brokerage/bank monthly statements.
  - Brokerage/bank Form 1099.
  - Brokerage trade confirmations.

#### Conducting the Audit



- Increasingly with electronic document availability, committee can meet online or handle tasks individually, then share results with chair of Audit Committee.
- Can delegate tasks by time (each committee member reviews certain number of months) or type of transactions (cash, securities, members).
  - Can subdivide as necessary depending on size of committee & club, such as having one member review security dividends & I member review security buys/sells.

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# Many Different Audit Methods



- Choose system for reviewing transactions.
  - Clubs with fewer members & transactions might have committee review all transactions in year.
  - Mature clubs with lots of members & transactions might have committee review meaningful sample of transactions in year:
  - All transactions in selected random months from year, OR
  - Random assortment of all kinds of transactions, OR
  - Divide transaction by type & assign entire category to single committee members.
- Always pay special attention to larger or more complex transactions.
- Compare transactions to make sure entries in club's books match financial institution statements & Form 1099s.

#### If Errors Are Found



- Errors could be simple typos or misentered numbers, OR deviations from best practices.
- Report to club & treasurer who will correct in books & regenerate any affected reports (especially year-end valuation & allocation of income & expenses).
- Make recommendations about better procedures.

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# When Audit Is Completed



- Committee members sign & submit "Annual Verification Report" to club.
- Thank Club Treasurer for another great year!
- Keep Audit Report with club's records.





#### **OTHER YEAR-END TASKS**

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# Collect Bank/Brokerage Tax Documents



- Year-end statements begin to be delivered in early January.
- Financial institutions & certain securities provide customers & IRS with required documents from January March.
  - Increasingly, these are delivered electronically, so look for them on brokerage website.
  - Often, they are released prior to announcement being sent to customers!
  - May have preliminary information if final is not available.
- IRS has deadlines for when info is required to be sent, but not uncommon for brokerage firms to be late.

#### Types of Financial Institution Documents



- By January 31:
  - 1099-DIV Dividends & Distributions.
  - 1099-INT Interest Income.
  - 1099-MISC Miscellaneous Income.
  - 1099-OID Original Issue Discount.
- By February 15:
  - 1099-B Proceeds From Broker & Barter Exchange Transactions (or Consolidated 1099).
- By March 15:
  - K-I (Form 1065) Partner's Share of Income, Credits, Deductions, etc. (If club owns LP or similar entity, even if it trades on exchange, may have to request filing extension.)

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#### Reconcile Club Data



- Info on financial institution 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.
  - Brokers required to report tax basis of sold stocks for lots bought after Jan 2011, so Form 1099s are now more complex.
- Check totals from Form 1099 matches totals on:
  - Capital Gains Report.
  - Allocation Report.
  - Valuation Statement.
  - Transaction Summary.

# Provide Reports for Members



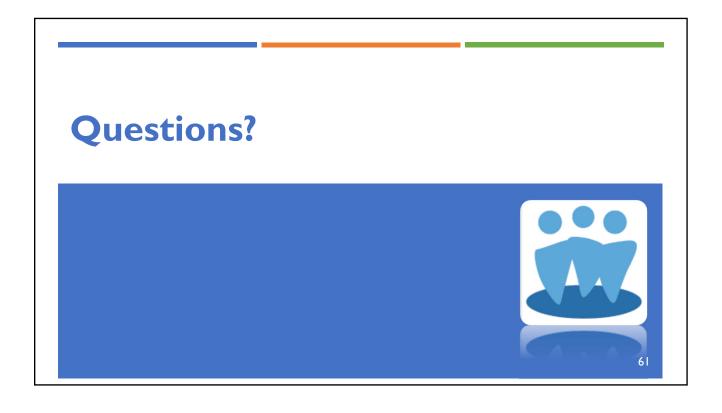
- Remind members that they have access to:
  - Valuation Statement for 12/31.
  - Allocation of Income & Expenses for 1/1 to 12/31.
  - myICLUB Member Tax Report:
    - Provides enough detail for tax preparer to begin work on member's return while awaiting K-Is.
    - No member should file individual return until club issues K-1s to members.
- Optionally:
  - Portfolio Diversification Reports & Portfolio Benchmarking Report (useful for review of club portfolio at year-end).
  - Complete Journal for year.

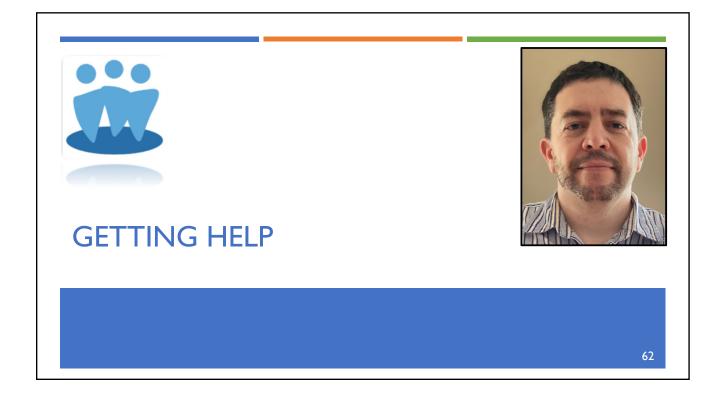
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# Ordering Club Tax Printers



- Pre-order online at <u>www.ICLUB.com/taxes/</u> or call I-877-33-ICLUB.
- After pre-ordering, Club Tax Printers will be released in Taxes tab of your mylCLUB.com website once IRS & state approvals are received.





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- First, check Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): www.iclub.com/faq/
- Second, request online support: <a href="https://www.iclub.com/support/">www.iclub.com/support/</a>
- Third, call support line: I-877-33-ICLUB
  - Open 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM ET, Monday Friday.
  - Busiest day is Monday plan your problems accordingly! ©

