Closing the Investment Club's Books at Year-End 2023

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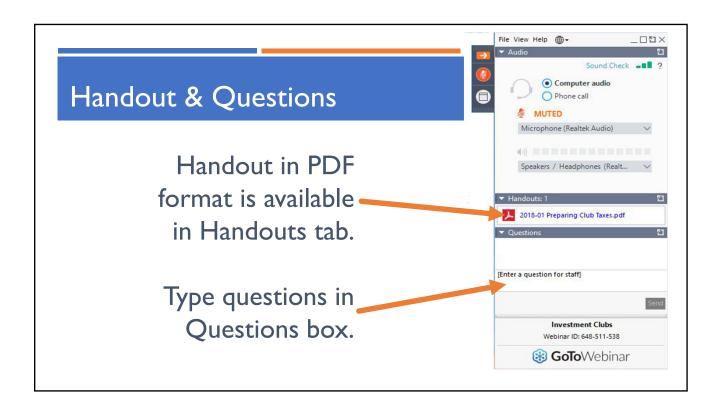
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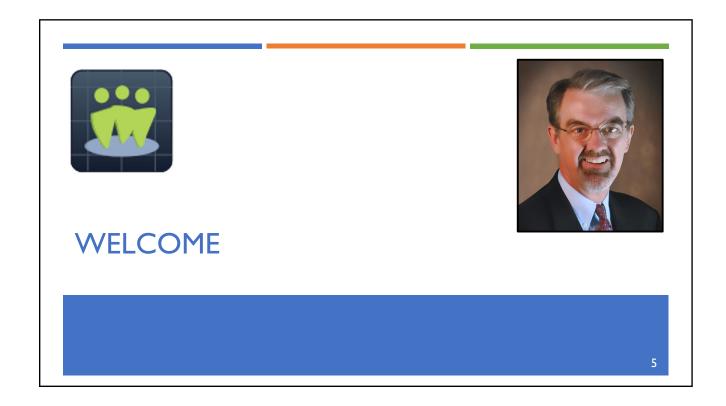


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Upcoming Tax Preparation Webinars



Jan 16, 2024, 8:30-9:30 ET: Filing the Investment Club's 2023 Taxes

Feb 20, 2024, 8:30-9:30 ET: Investment Club Tax Clinic

Register at www.mylCLUB.com in Support > Webinars.

What's New for 2024?



- For LLCs & LLPs only (**not** applicable to general partnerships), new Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) reporting requirements take effect at Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) of U.S. Treasury Dept.
- For more info, see:
 - https://www.fincen.gov/boi
 - https://www.myiclub.com/blog/blog.aspx?id=5957

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- 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.

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Tax Return Calendar



JAN

Order mylCLUB.com Club Tax Printers.
Create Audit Committee.
Confirm all 2023 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.





CLOSING YOUR CLUB'S BOOKS

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"Closing the Books" Helps to:



- I. Ensure accuracy of club's books.
- Catch 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.

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DOUBLE-CHECK SETTINGS IN MYICLUB.COM

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Use Recommended Allocation Settings

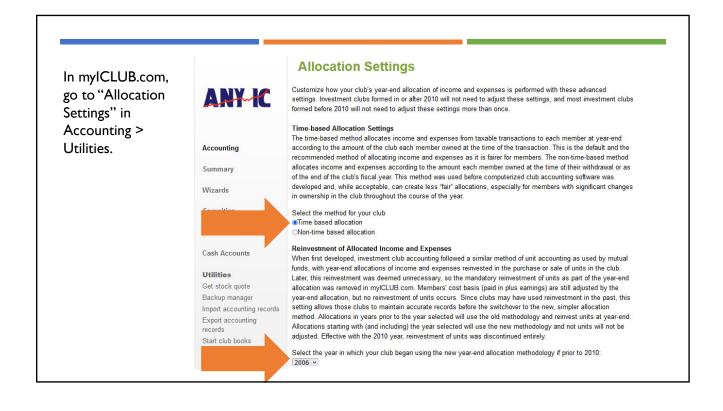


Allocation method:

- Must use "Time-based" allocation according to IRS if % ownership changes during year.
- 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 calcs).
- Select 1st year you did/will not distribute units. (New clubs: 1st year of operation is selected by default.)

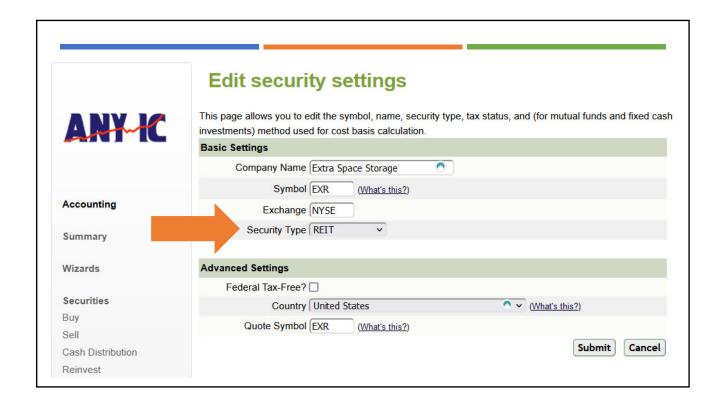


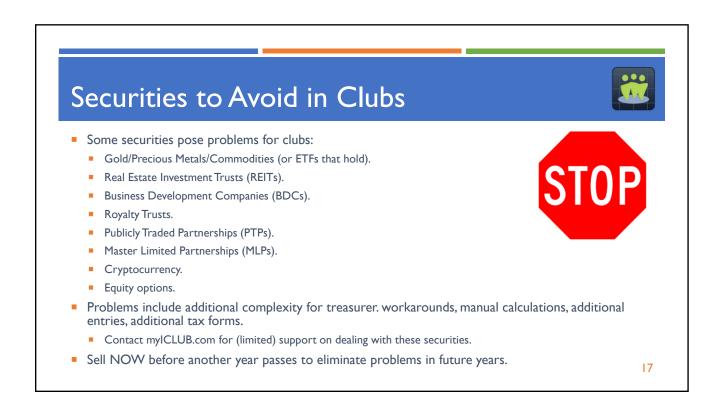
Correctly Identify Types of All Securities



- 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 |

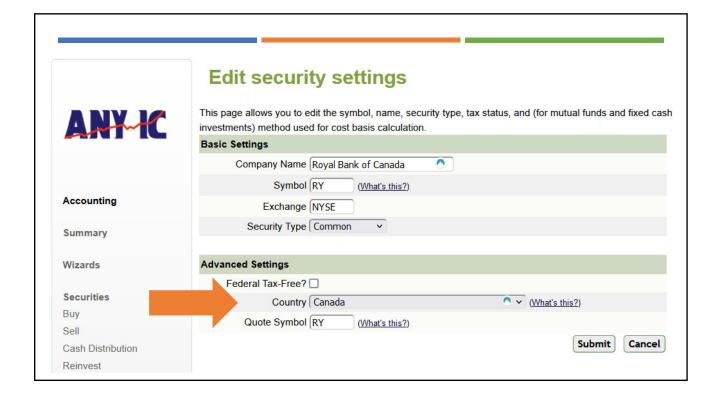




Correctly Identify Countries of All Securities



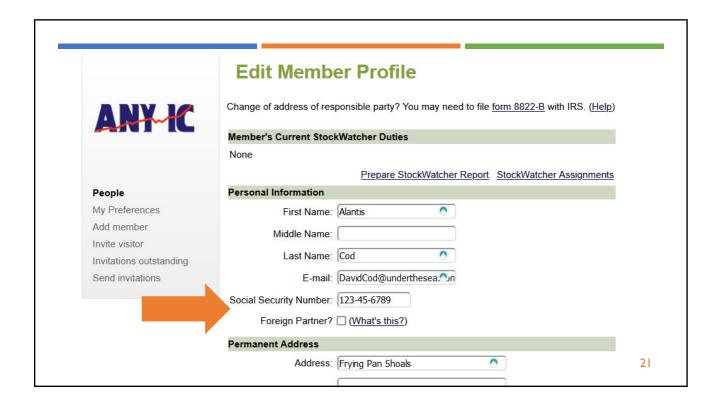
- IRS is collecting more information on "foreign" investments.
 - "Foreign" company is any company that is not a U.S. company.
 - ADRs are included.
- Check Security settings:
 - myICLUB.com: Accounting > Securities > Update Security Settings
- Ensure "Country" is correct.
- Can research from Quotes/Info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



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."





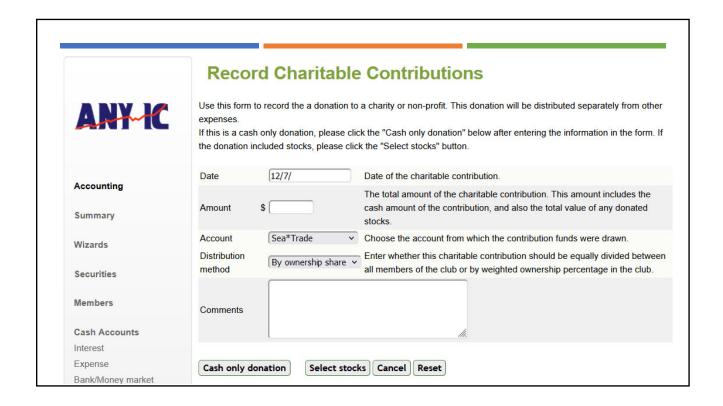
FINALIZE TRANSACTIONS FOR YEAR

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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.

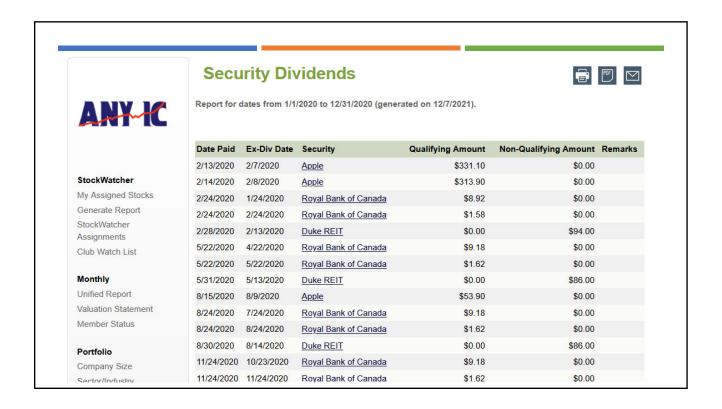
HOWEVER:

- 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.

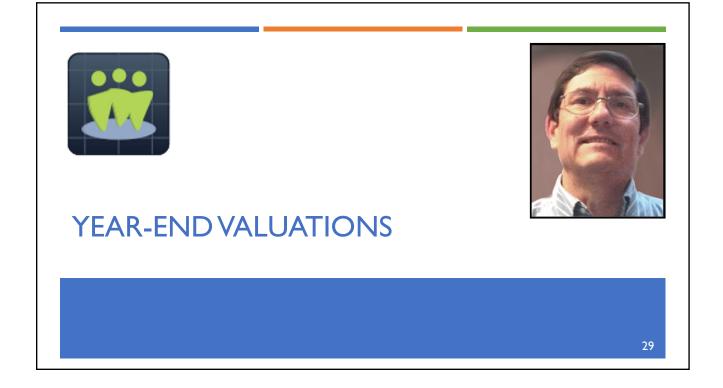
Review Books for Problem Transactions



- 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.



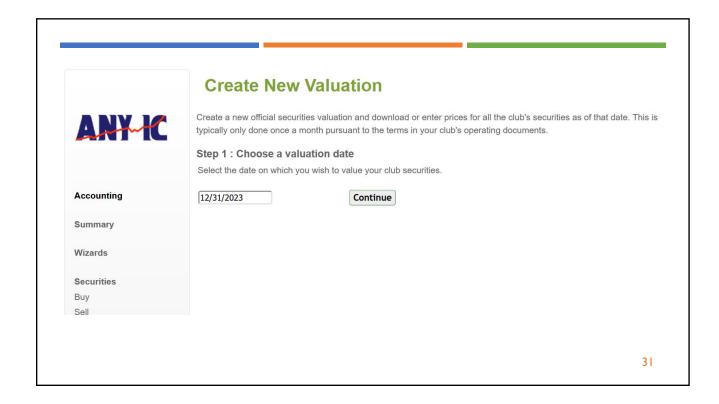
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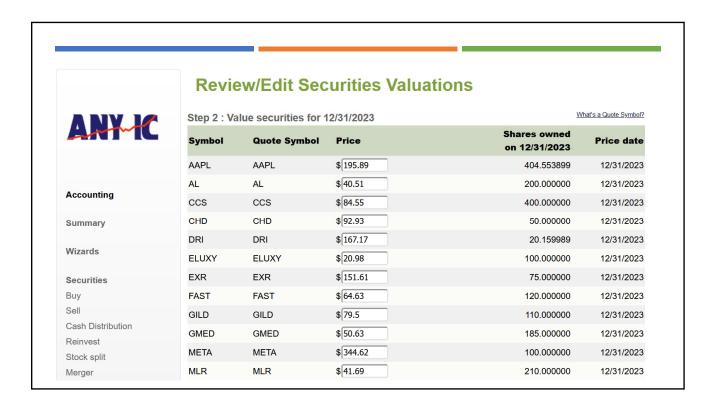


Create Year-End Valuation

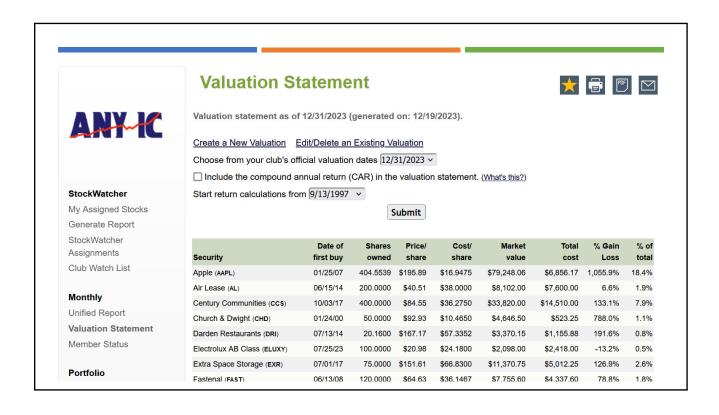


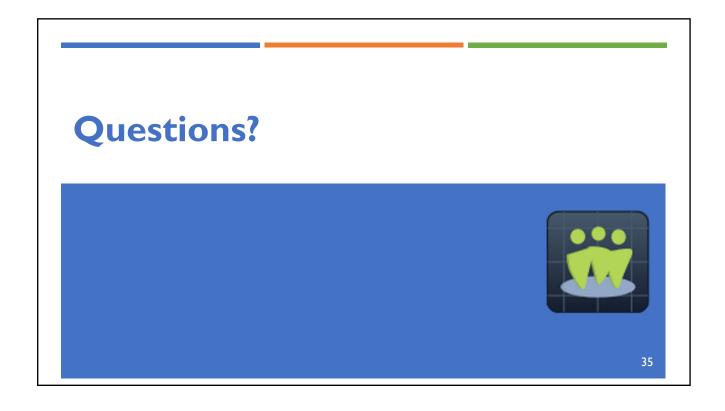
- Clubs must create one year-end valuation to close out year.
- First, create Securities Valuation/Valuation Statement for 12/31.
 - If market closed on 12/31, security prices from last day market was open will be used (still represents valuations as of 12/31).
 - Do NOT use Valuation Statement from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















ALLOCATING INCOME & EXPENSES

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Why Allocate Income & Expenses?

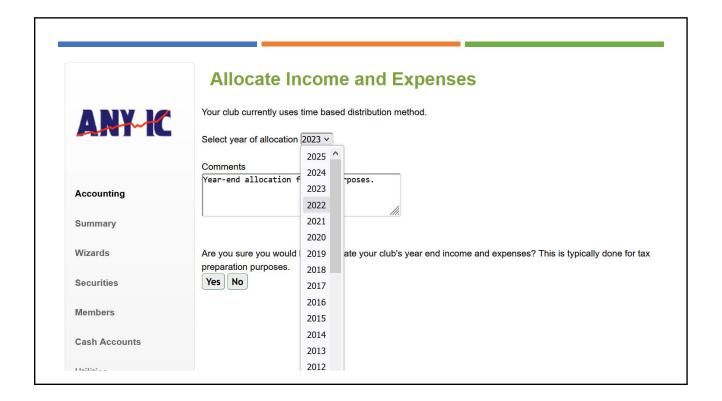


- Partnerships (& LLCs) are "pass-through" entities for tax purposes.
 - Partnership income is not taxed federally or by most states, but instead is "passed through" to partners.
- Each year, partnership must allocate to each partner their share of income & expenses.
 - Income & expenses are allocated 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.

Allocate Income & Expenses



- After all transactions are entered in mylCLUB.com, 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 re-run if necessary.



Extra Step for REITs & Mutual Funds



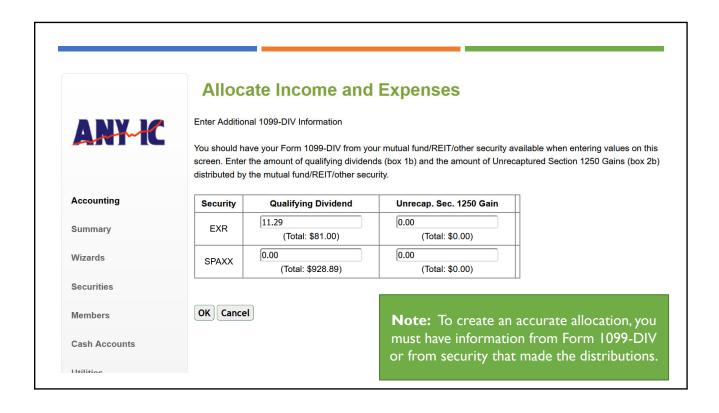
- If own REITs, Mutual Funds, or "Other" securities, you will be prompted to enter any Qualified Dividend or Unrecaptured Section 1250 Gain during Allocation process.
 - Section 199A Dividends + Qualified Dividends on Form 1099 are entered as Dividends in myICLUB.
 - Long-term Capital Gain Distributions + 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.

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Handling Fund Distributions



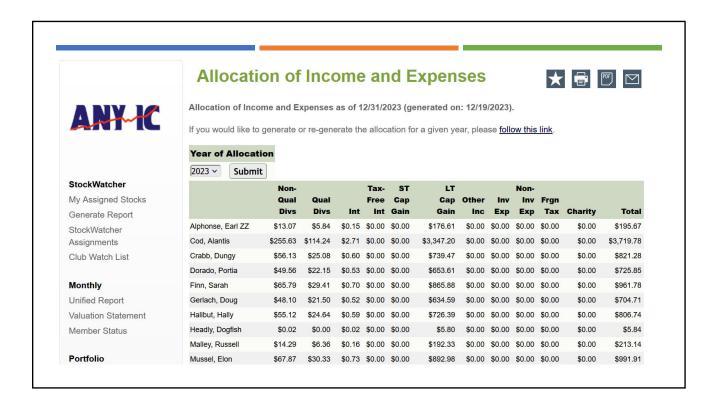
- Mutual funds, REITs, & ETFs report breakdown of quarterly distributions only at year-end.
- Distributions can include:
 - Dividends.
 - Short-term & long-term gains.
 - Return of capital.
 - Interest.
- Other categories will require manual entries in club books.
- If Allocation is done prior to receipt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

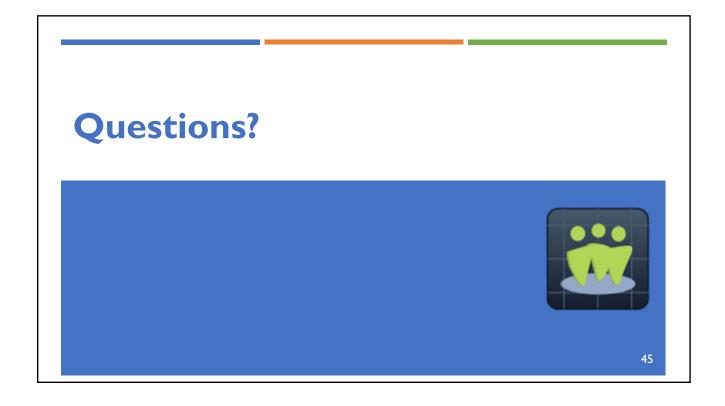


Completing Allocation



- 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.









AUDIT THE BOOKS

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What Is a Club Audit?

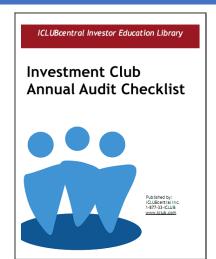


- Experienced treasurers welcome annual audit of club's books.
- Audit process reviews club's transactions & records for year.
- Intended to discover errors or potential problems before filing club's tax returns.
- Can also provide feedback on how treasurer can work more effectively & educate members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

How to Audit the Books



- Use "Investment Club Audit Checklist" from myICLUB.com.
- Download:
 - Along with handout from this webinar.
 - From myICLUB.com Club Hub.
 - From myICLUB.com File Storage.



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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 15th tax deadline), OR
 - When year-end statements are available (when more time is available but committee may not be able to review 1099s).

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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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.

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OTHER YEAR-END TASKS

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.

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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.)

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.

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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 & Club Performance/Benchmarking Report (useful for review of club portfolio at year-end).
 - Complete Journal for year.

Ordering Club Tax Printers



- Pre-order from Taxes tab in your myICLUB.com club website 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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Questions?









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myICLUB.com Technical Support



- Check Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): www.mylCLUB.com/faq/
- 2. Request online support: www.mylCLUB.com/support.aspx
- 3. Telephone support line: I-877-33-ICLUB
 - Open 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM ET, Monday Friday.
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