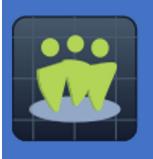
BETTERINVESTING CLUB TREASURERS WEBINAR

Closing the Investment Club's Books at Year-End 2024



December 2024

Presented by Doug Gerlach & the myICLUB.com Team







WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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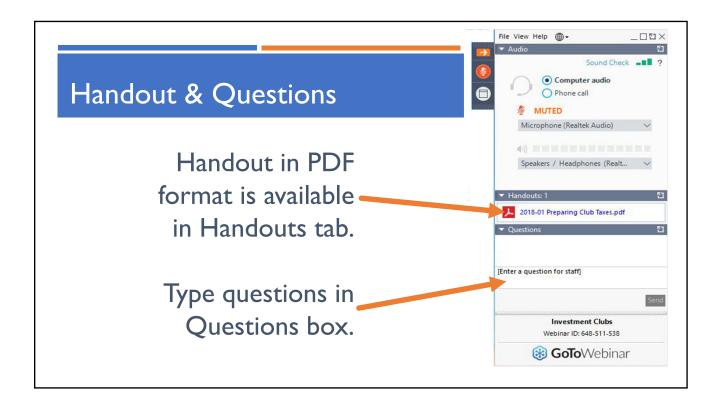
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WHAT'S NEW FOR 2024

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Upcoming Webinars



- Jan 8, 2025, 8:00 pm 9:00 pm ET. Conducting Your Investment Club's Annual Audit.
- Jan 23, 2025, 8:00-9:00 ET. Filing Your Investment Club's 2024 Taxes.

Register (BI login required) at:

www.betterinvesting.org/learn-about-investing/our-events

myICLUB.com Club Tax



- Federal: offers 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 (check at <u>www.myICLUB.com/taxes/</u>).

Full details on club tax generation will be provided in January webinar.

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What's New for Tax Year 2024?

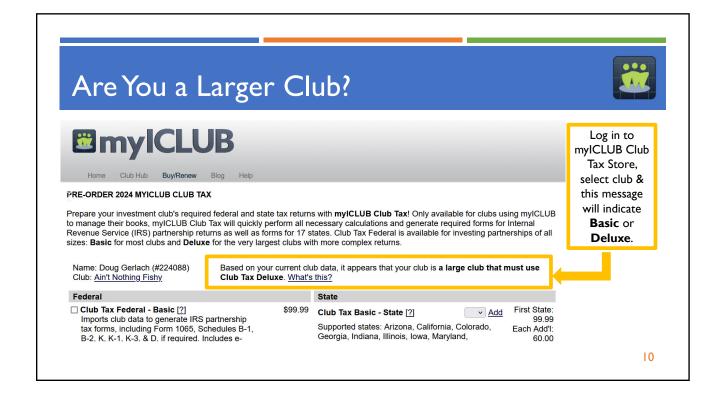


- **IRS Form 7004** e-Filing (to request Form 1065 automatic 6-month extension).
- Club Tax Federal Deluxe for clubs w/30+ members or assets >\$1M or receipts >\$250K.
 - Deluxe Add-on is additional \$40.
- Club Tax Federal Basic still used by most clubs at \$99.99.
- Club Tax State for Additional State \$60 (after 1st state at \$99.99).
- Disbanding clubs use Club Tax Federal Final & Club Tax State Final (Short-Year) Return.

What Is a Larger Club?



- Clubs with 30 or more partners (based on the number of K-1s in Form 1065), OR
- Clubs that have receipts (income) greater than \$250,000 in the year, OR
- Clubs that have total assets of \$1 million or more (the sum of the <u>cost</u> <u>basis</u> of all owned securities plus cash on hand at year end), OR
- Clubs that file Schedule M-3. Schedule M-3 is optional unless the club has more than \$10 million in assets (as defined above) or more than \$35 million in receipts (as defined above), then schedule M-3 becomes required.



Tax Return Calendar



JAN

Order mylCLUB.com Club Tax.
Create Audit Committee.
Confirm all 2024 Transactions Are Recorded in Books.

FEB

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

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By March 17: 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

What Is "Closing the Books?"



Series of suggested steps to:

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

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CHECK SETTINGS IN MYICLUB.COM

Use Recommended Allocation Setting



- Check that "Time-based" allocation method is selected.
 - Allocates income/expenses & gains/losses to members as of ownership on date of each transaction.
 - Fairer to members with different ownership levels during year.
- Default when club is set up, but ensure has not been changed.
- According to IRS, this method must be used if % ownership changes during year.

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Check "Time-based allocation" Method



In myICLUB.com, go to in Accounting > Utilities > Allocation Settings.

Allocation Settings Customize how your club's year-end alloc settings. Investment clubs formed in or aft

Customize how your club's year-end allocation of income and expenses is performed with these advanced settings. Investment clubs formed in or after 2010 will not need to adjust these settings, and most investment clubs formed before 2010 will not need to adjust these settings more than once.

Time-based Allocation Settings

Accounting
Summary
Wizards

The time-based method allocates income and expenses from taxable transactions to each member at year-end according to the amount of the club each member owned at the time of the transaction. This is the default and the recommended method of allocating income and expenses as it is fairer for members. The non-time-based method allocates income and expenses according to the amount each member owned at the time of their withdrawal or as of the end of the club's fiscal year. This method was used before computerized club accounting software was developed and, while acceptable, can create less "fair" allocations, especially for members with significant changes in ownership in the club throughout the course of the year.

Select the method for your club Time based allocation
Onon-time based allocation

Use Recommended Reinvestment Setting



- Do not distribute/reinvest units.
 - It's needlessly complex & messes up return calculations
- Select 1st year you did/will not distribute units.
 - New clubs: Ist year of operation is selected by default & shouldn't ever be changed.

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Select First Year Using Non-Reinvestment



In myICLUB.com, go to in Accounting > Utilities > Allocation Settings.

Cash Accounts

Utilities

Get stock quote
Backup manager
Import accounting records
Export accounting
records
Start club books

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Reinvestment of Allocated Income and Expenses

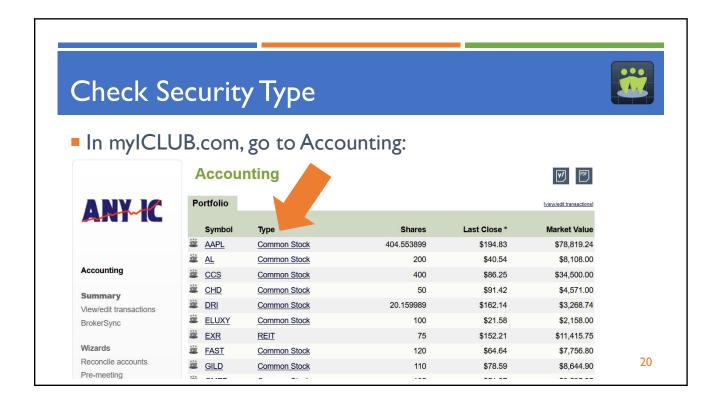
When first developed, investment club accounting followed a similar method of unit accounting as used by mutual funds, with year-end allocations of income and expenses reinvested in the purchase or sale of units in the club. Later, this reinvestment was deemed unnecessary, so the mandatory reinvestment of units as part of the year-end allocation was removed in mylCLUB.com. Members' cost basis (paid in plus earnings) are still adjusted by the year-end allocation, but no reinvestment of units occurs. Since clubs may have used reinvestment in the past, this setting allows those clubs to maintain accurate records before the switchover to the new, simpler allocation method. Allocations in years prior to the year selected will use the old methodology and reinvest units at year-end. Allocations starting with (and including) the year selected will use the new methodology and not units will not be adjusted. Effective with the 2010 year, reinvestment of units was discontinued entirely.

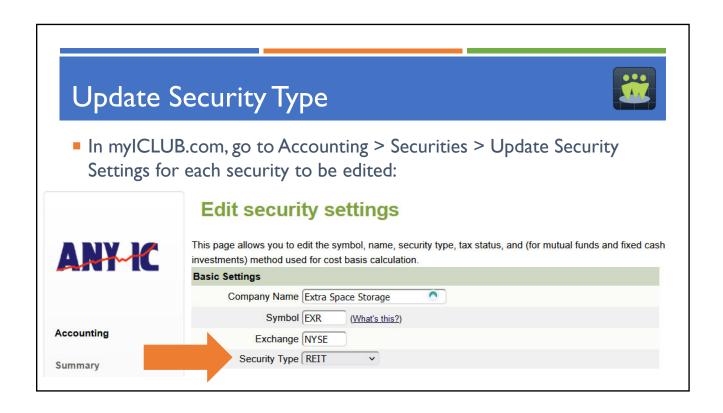
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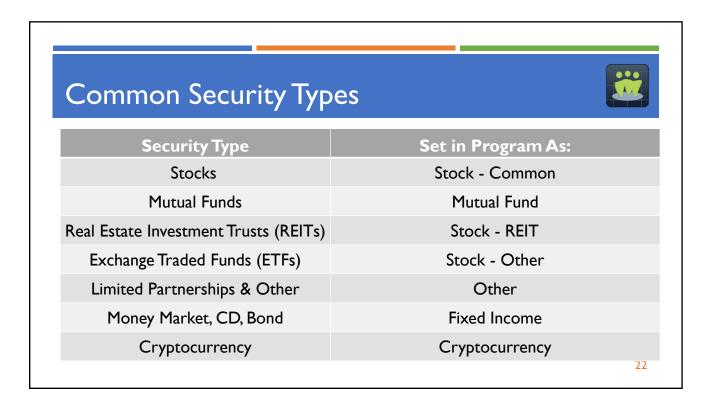
Correctly Identify Types of All Securities

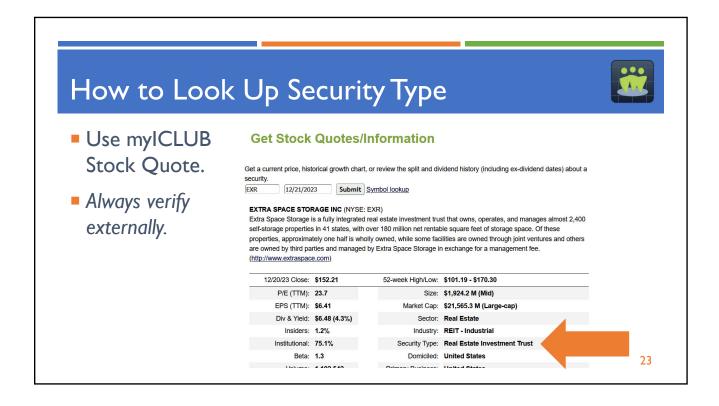


- Not all Securities are "Stocks."
- When first purchased in mylCLUB.com, many securities by default are identified as Common Stocks.
- If security is not "common stock," then must be changed in myICLUB.com in order for tax returns to be generated correctly.









Securities to Avoid in Clubs



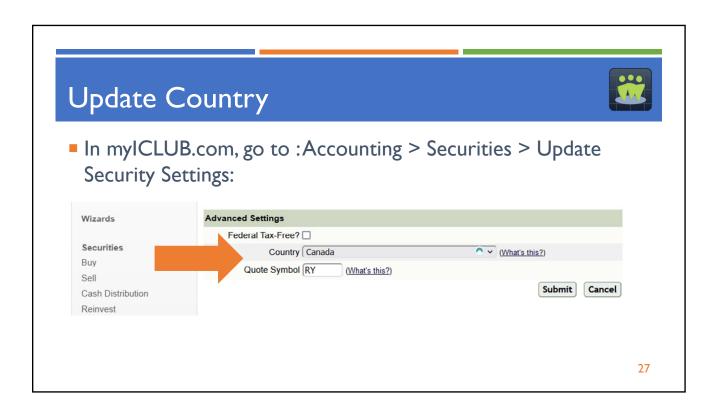
- Some securities pose problems for clubs:
 - Gold/Precious Metals/Commodities (or ETFs that hold).
 - Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).
 - Business Development Companies (BDCs).
 - Royalty Trusts, Publicly Traded Partnerships (PTPs), Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs).
 - Cryptocurrency.
 - Equity options.
- Problems include additional complexity for treasurer. workarounds, manual calculations, additional entries, additional tax forms.
 - Contact mylCLUB.com for (limited) support on dealing with these securities.
- Sell NOW before another year passes to eliminate problems in future years.

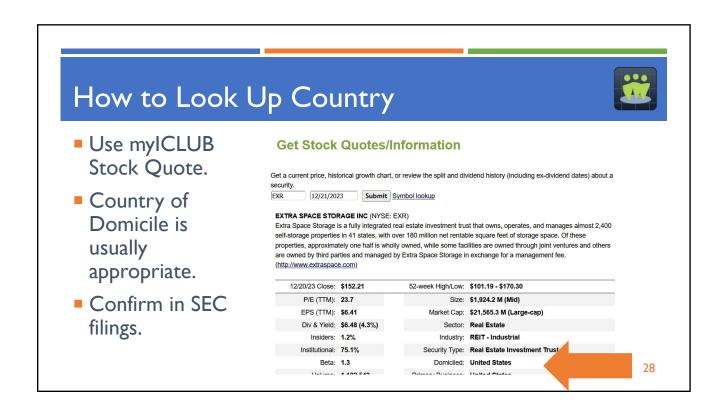
Correctly Identify Countries of All Securities



- IRS is collecting more information on "foreign" investments.
 - "Foreign" company is any company that is not a U.S. company.
 - ADRs are always "foreign companies."
- When first purchased in myICLUB.com, many countries are identified by default as being in **United States**.







Ensure Member Information Is Correct



- To prepare club's tax returns, make sure information in each member's profile is correct, especially:
 - Social Security/Tax ID numbers.
 - Address.
 - Entity type (Individual, Trust, Custodial, etc.)
 - If member is "Foreign partner" (unsupported in Club Tax).
- Members can edit themselves, or administrator can edit.

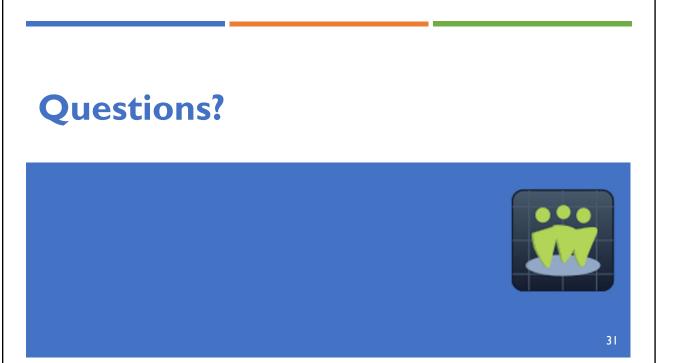
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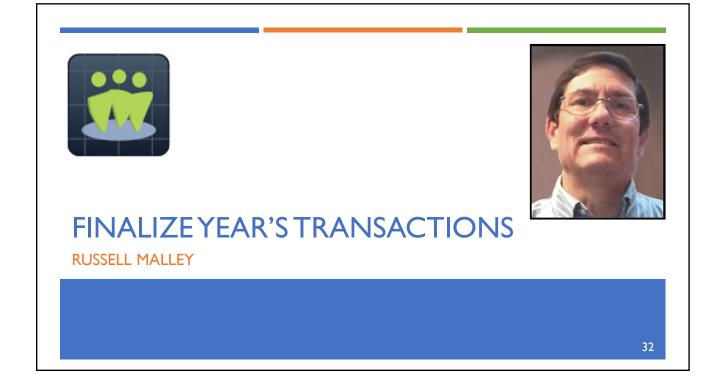
Update Member Profile



In myICLUB.com, go to People > Member Profile:



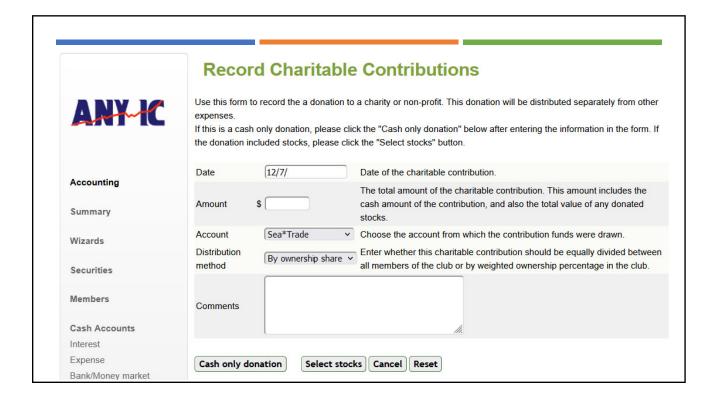




Consider Charitable Donations



- Club can donate securities or cash to qualifying charities.
 - 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)!
 - Can be useful to reduce taxes on realized capital gains for overweighted position.



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" ONLY used for penalties.
 - Such as bounced check fees.
 - Do not use to try to offset expenses.
 - All other money put in by members should be recorded as Member Payments.
- Dividends from stocks ARE entered as "Security Transactions."
 - CANNOT be entered as Cash transactions.
 - Must include Ex-Dividend date to determine proper tax treatment.
 - Use Securities Distributions Report to review ex-dividend dates.
- Member Withdrawals NOT entered on valuation dates.

Use myICLUB.com Reports



Various reports such as Security Distributions can be used to verify transactions.



Security Distributions







Report for dates from 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023 (generated on 12/21/2023).

StockWatcher
My Assigned Stocks
Generate Report
StockWatcher Assignments
Club Watch List
Monthly

	Ex-Div Date	<u>Security</u>	Qualifying Amount	Non-Qualifying Amount	Remarks
1/10/2023	12/15/2022	Air Lease	\$40.00	\$0.00	
1/19/2023	11/9/2022	Shell PLC	\$125.00	\$0.00	
1/31/2023	12/29/2022	Stryker	\$30.00	\$0.00	
2/1/2023	1/9/2023	Darden Restaurants	\$24.20	\$0.00	
2/16/2023	2/10/2023	<u>Apple</u>	\$92.92	\$0.00	
2/24/2023	1/25/2023	Royal Bank of Canada	\$13.20	\$0.00	

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YEAR-END VALUATIONS

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Create Year-End Valuation



- Clubs must create one year-end valuation to close out year.
 - This is only valuation required outside of monthly valuations.
- 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.

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Create Year-End Valuation



■ In myICLUB.com, go to Accounting > Securities > Create new valuation.



Create New Valuation

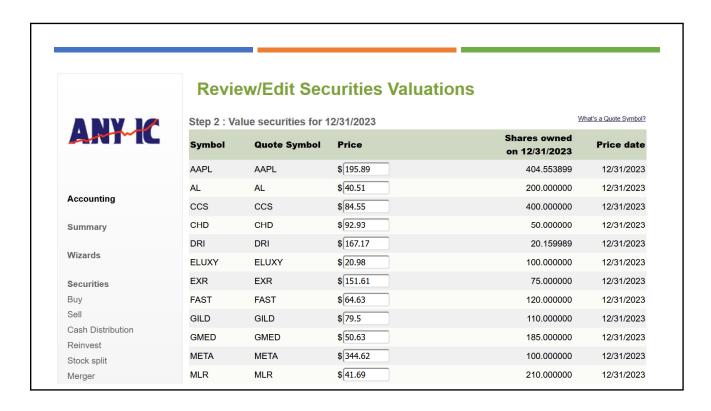
Create a new official securities valuation and download or enter prices for all the club's securities as of that date. This is typically only done once a month pursuant to the terms in your club's operating documents.

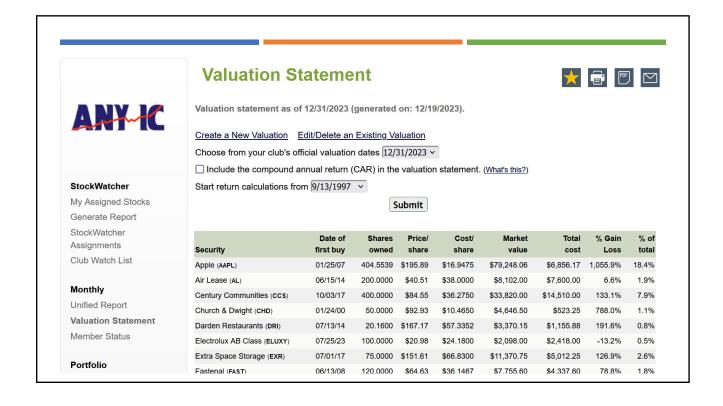
Step 1: Choose a valuation date

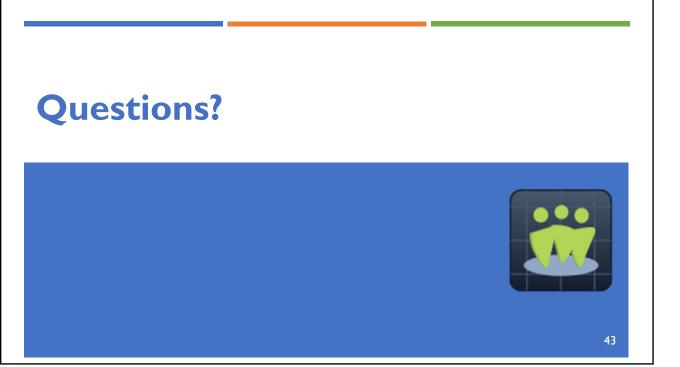
Select the date on which you wish to value your club securities.

Summary

12/31/2023 Continue









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 are delivered electronically, so look on brokerage website.
 - Often are released prior to announcement being sent to customers!
 - May have access to preliminary info 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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Financial Institution Documents to Expect



- By January 31, 2025:
 - 1099-DIV Dividends & Distributions.
 - 1099-INT Interest Income.
 - 1099-MISC Miscellaneous Income.
 - 1099-OID Original Issue Discount.
- By February 17, 2025 (Feb 15th in most years):
 - 1099-B Proceeds From Broker & Barter Exchange Transactions (or Consolidated 1099).
- By March 17, 2025 (*Mar 15th in most years*):
 - 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



- Financial institution tax docs should match what you report to IRS.
 - Exceptions possible for spinoffs, merger with cash, other corporate actions.
- 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 Form 1099 totals match:
 - Capital Gains Report, Allocation Report, Valuation Statement, Transaction Summary.

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Conduct Annual Club Audit



- See newly-updated Investment Club Audit Checklist in your mylCLUB File Storage.
- Attend our January 8, 2025, webinar for more details.

Why Allocate Income & Expenses?



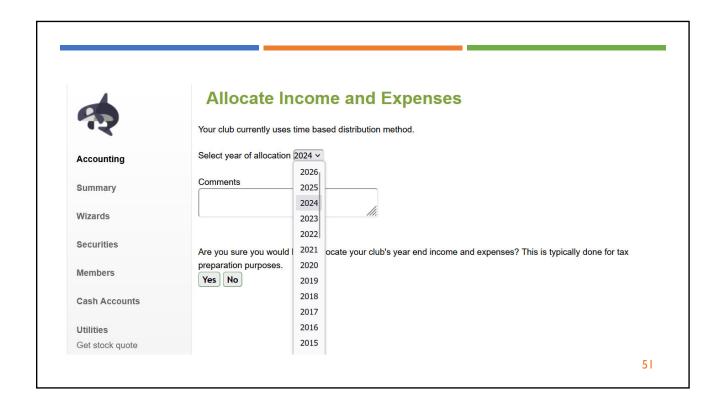
- Partnerships (& LLCs) are "pass-through" entities for tax purposes.
 - Partnership income is not taxed federally or by most states, but instead is "passed through" to partners.
- Each year, must allocate each partner's share of income & expenses.
 - Income & expenses are allocated according to each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

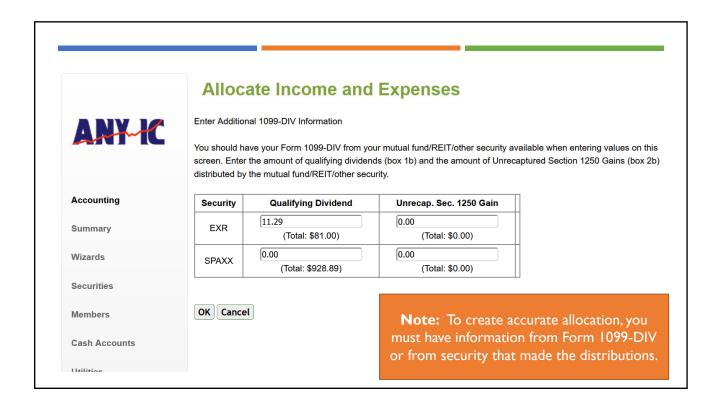


- If own REITs, Mutual Funds, or "Other" securities, you will be prompted to enter any Qualified Dividend or Unrecaptured Section 1250 Gain during Allocation process.
 - Section 199A Dividends + Qualified Dividends on Form 1099 are entered as "Dividends" in myICLUB.
 - Long-term Capital Gain Distributions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



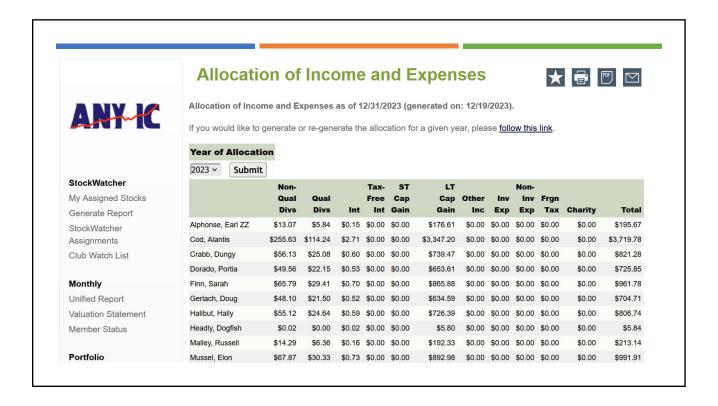
- Mutual funds, REITs, & ETFs report breakdown of quarterly distributions only at year-end.
- Distributions can include:
 - Dividends.
 - Short-term & long-term gains.
 - Return of capital.
 - Interest.
- Other categories will require manual entries in club books.
- If Allocation is done prior to receipt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

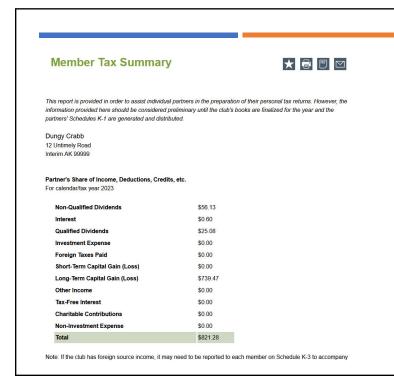


Allocation Report Items

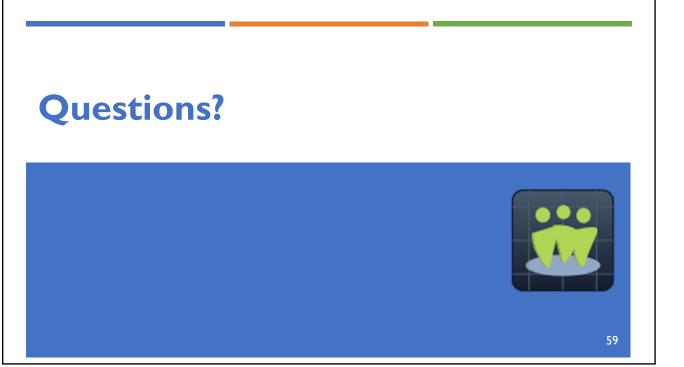


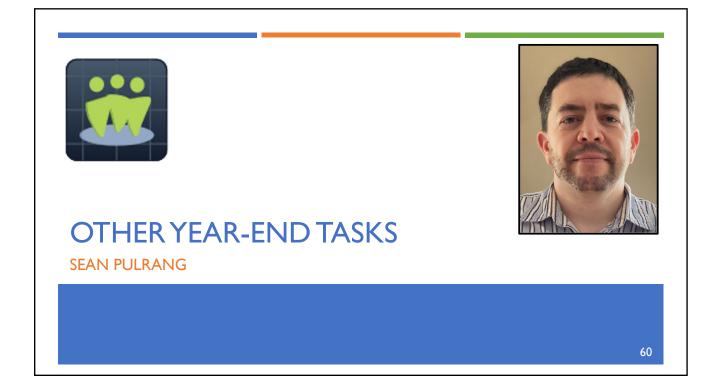
- Allocated Income & Expenses will be reported to members on Schedule K-I when tax return is generated.
- Once Allocation has been generated by treasurer, Member Tax
 Summary Report is available for each member.

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- Summarizes each member's tax allocations.
- Can be useful when provided to member's personal tax preparer to help get started with member's individual tax return.
- Values should be considered preliminary until club tax return is finalized.





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 Summary 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 year-end review).
 - Complete Journal for year.

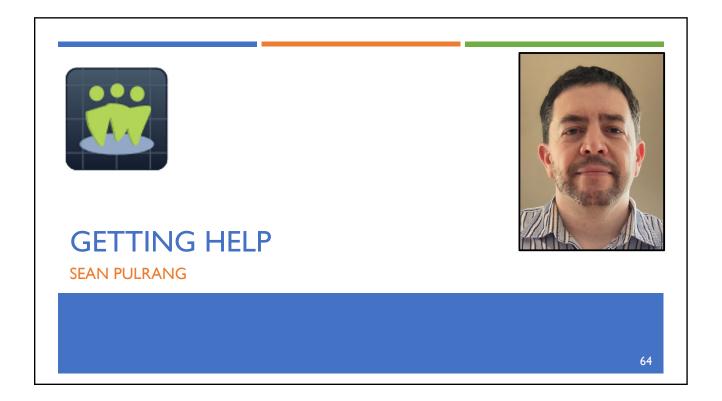
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Ordering Club Tax



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





mylCLUB.com Technical Support



- Check Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): <u>www.myICLUB.com/faq/</u>
- 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
 - Open late on Thursday until 9:00 PM ET for West Coast customers.
 - Busiest day is Monday plan your problems accordingly! ©

