

Cove Chronicles

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Special points of interest:

- Applications for life guards and seasonal office help are now available at the Cove Office.
- March still has cold temperatures that could create ice on the ponds. **Stay off the ponds, they are never safe enough to walk on!**

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"Inside" a planned residential community

By Bob Wilkinson, CMCA, AMS

The residents of a planned community and the neighbors that assume positions of responsibility as directors and officers are the key to success or the catalyst for failure. These responsibilities can be significant and their implementation is governed by formal procedures as well as common sense.

Leaders of a homeowners association are, in almost all cases, volunteers and property owners. They are confronted with balancing community goals and the rights of the individual owner.

One facet of responsibility is board meetings. Generally these meetings fall into various categories; "open", "working", "annual", "special" and so forth. There is one piece of terminology that is often misconstrued by members of an association. That term is "closed" or "executive" session which may strike fear in the hearts of owners since the words can imply "secret".

The truth is that closed sessions are a useful tool in maintaining the confidential

ity of personal matters between the association and an owner. A closed or executive session may be called to protect your privacy as well as the privacy of others.

In general there are only six topics that warrant a closed session: covenants and rules violations, delinquent accounts, possible or pending litigation, contracts, personnel matters and to consult with legal counsel. You might notice that 50% of these "topics" focus on the privacy of an individual owner. Any owner would prefer such discussion to be in private rather than open session.

Executive or closed session is a matter of privacy, both personal and organizational and is a privilege that should be exercised correctly and wisely.

Officers and directors carry out their duties within the formal confines of the governing documents, the rules of procedure and applicable law. By doing so, the main role of the association can be successfully carried out for all involved.

Coming up in the April Chronicles

The April Chronicles will include information and a response form/ballot to amend the declarations regarding minimum square footage of new homes in the Cove. The new minimum square footage, if approved, will be 1,200.

In addition, the next Chronicles will include candidate forms for election to the

Board of Directors this Fall. Completed forms must be returned to the Cove office between June 1, 2005 and August 1, 2005.

There are two board positions and one alternate board position up for election this year. All candidates must be members in good standing with the Club.

What's in your jar?

A professor stood before his philosophy class with a large empty mayonnaise jar which he proceeded to fill with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full and they agreed it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He once more asked if the jar was full, which it was.



“Now,” said the professor, “I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things, family, health, friends, things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else—the small stuff.”

“If you put the sand into the jar first,” he continued, “there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are really important to you. The golf balls are your priorities, the rest is just sand.”

From the Angler's Corner

By: Lance Stitcher

March is here and more than a few people I know are ready to go fishing. This article was written a few days before the flounder regulations were finalized but the season should be open March 29. I don't expect great fishing here until maybe the 3rd week in April but its still fun to go out and try. Spring fishing usually revolves around water temperature and clarity. If we get water temps around 50* and clean water we should have a few early season fish. I've spoken with a few people from the yachting committee and a few events are in the planning stages. Monday April 18, 7:00pm at the Marina building we may be meeting to discuss boating and fishing issues. Call this the spring fishing seminar if you will. Potential speakers

are Alan Marshall (VMRC), John Conquest (Coast Guard Auxiliary), Matt Abel (SeaHawk Sports Center), and possibly a representative from the RFA. Details will be announced as the plan comes together. The weekend of May 14 & 15 is planned for the return of the annual Captains Cove Flounder Tournament. We hope to bring back this fun event for all Cove residents. I hear that the Yachting Committee is looking for a few volunteers to help with these events. If you're interested, contact me at the Pro Shop and I will make sure you get in touch with the Yachting Committee. Till next time...

Fair winds & following seas,

Did You Know?

1. All dogs in the Cove must be under the “care and control” of their owners at all times? Pet problems should be reported to Animal Control at 787-1131 as well as the Cove Office.
2. The pool this year will have a “Gate Guard” at the pool entrance as well as a life guard in the chair. 8240661 All Members must have an emergency contact form on file at the office.
3. The Utility Department is not part of the Cove Association. Water and sewer questions should be directed to 757-824-5995.
4. Applications are being accepted for life guards and summer office help. Contact the office at 824-3465.
5. Any major, exterior modification or addition to an existing home must be approved by the ECC.

From the Golf Course

By: Lance Stitcher, PGA, GCSAA

March will be an exciting month on the golf course this year. March 1st marks the date for a couple of things, most notably the beginning of the Handicap Posting season. Also on Tuesday March 1st we will be aerifying and topdressing greens, weather permitting. March 21st is the first day of spring. In general, March is the month where the weather should break. I'm certain that we'll have some cold and windy weather but it will get better fast. Of course, nobody knows what April will bring on the shore. We still have a few projects that need better weather to complete, so look for some work to be done on the golf course in the spring. We have a good base to start with this year and I expect good conditions on the course this year. Just hope we don't have to fight Mother Nature too much.



The tournament season will start with our regular league play, men on Monday and ladies on Tuesday, this month. We are currently working on a date for the Spring Fling, with the fourth Saturday in April looking promising. The American Legion Tournament will be held Friday May 6th. The Johnny & Sparky Memorial tournament is scheduled for Saturday June 4th. Look for an active year on the golf course. We look forward to seeing all of our old friends and some new faces on the golf course this spring. If you have a new neighbor, seems like we all do, invite them out to the golf course. Till next time...

Fairways and Greens

Board approves Budget and Nominating Committees

At the January meeting the Board approved the concept of a Budget Committee and a Nominating Committee to be established in 2005.

The Nominating Committee will assist the Secretary in confirming valid candidates for election to the Board. The Committee will be responsible for presenting a slate of candidates that have the ability and willingness to serve effectively as directors and officers of the Club.

Candidates for election to the Board will have the opportunity to speak at an open forum to be held in late sum-

mer. Biographies will be included in the October Chronicles.

The Budget Committee will work closely with the Treasurer in preparing the annual budget through review of historical expenditures and anticipated income and expense for the following fiscal year. Applicants for the budget committee should have a background in accounting and/or fiscal planning.

Applicants for these and any other committees at the Cove will please contact the office at 824-3465.

Dance Committee

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA. It's never too late to say "Thank You"! Our New Year's Eve Party was a great success. We had a wonderful turnout. A great big thank you to the Strand & Co., who catered the food. Delicious! The DJ provided us with great music and special effects for our dancing and listening pleasure. How about those



"Line Dancers"!! Greatly appreciated was the selection of door prizes donated by our neighboring merchants. Thanks to the dance committee (Judy Rosen, Peggy Anthony, Carol Versteegen and Joyce Platterspiel) for an awesome job of coordinating and setting up for this year's event--special thanks to Bruce Versteegen and Walt Anthony. Have a healthy and safe 2005.

Barbara LeDuc, Dance Committee Member

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***We had a "Hidden Number" Winner
in the February Issue!***

***Sarah Jester of Starboard Street
won a \$10 Gift Certificate to the
Islander Restaurant
On Chincoteague.
Her number was hidden in the
"Anglers Corner" article.***

***Look for your number in this issue, and
you might win a gift certificate.***

Captain's Crew Travel Update

In partnership with Active Vacations, our Relay For Life team is sponsoring the following trips:

June 2005

17-27 - Mt. Rushmore and the Black Hills - 11 days, 18 meals. Highlights include a visit to the Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Custer State Park, a tour of Deadwood, a visit to The House on the Rock, the Corn Palace, the amazing Crazy Horse Memorial and admission to the Museum of Geology. RT deluxe motor coach with stops en route in Cleveland, OH; Madison, WI; Sioux Falls, SD; and Chicago, IL.

Deposit & reservation due by March 15th \$799 pp

July 2005

18-23 - Vermont - 6 days, 8 meals. Highlights include a dinner cruise on beautiful Lake Champlain with entertainment, a tour of the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory, a tour of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory and a visit to the Shelbourne Museum. RT deluxe motor coach. Deposit & reservation due by April 8th \$499 pp

Oct. 2005

9-16 - Memphis & Tunica - 8 days, 12 meals. Highlights include a guided tour of Memphis, a tour of Graceland (home of Elvis), a visit to Peabody Place for fabulous shopping and a visit to the Famous Pink Palace Mansion and Museum. RT deluxe motor coach with stops en route in Nashville and Knoxville, TN.

Deposit & reservation due by May 15. \$539 pp

For more information, flyers or to make a reservation - call
Joyce at 854-1352.

Captain's Crew Relay for Life

Barbara Tomlinson & Joyce Platterspiel, Co-Chairpersons

Our team is busy with several projects which will continue until our Relay Event in Pocomoke on June 3rd.

If you haven't already given the team your 12 digit number from your Food Lion MVP card, please do so as soon as possible. Call Joyce at 854-1352 and give her your name, address, phone number and 12-digit number. The team gets a quarterly check from Food Lion with a percentage of all the money spent by the people we have registered.

We are also still collecting used cell phones and ink cartridges for recycling. Collection boxes are in the office, library and Curves in Pocomoke - please keep them coming.

The sale of the beautiful sterling silver cancer awareness bracelets is on going. The cost is \$30 or \$32 with your choice of different colored crystals to honor those people suffering from several types of cancers. Our team gets \$7 for each bracelet we sell - as of this date we have already raised over \$800 just from the sale of this jewelry. If you are interested or want more informa-

tion, there is a flyer in the office with order forms, also one in Curves in Pocomoke with a sample bracelet to see - or you can call Joyce at 854-1352.

We are still working on our spring raffle. So far we have art works donated by Mary Back, Isobel Troutman, Larry Creger, Donnie Thornton (painted feather) and Kevin McBride. We plan to have posters with pictures of the art pieces on display in the near future; ticket sales starting this month.

Please mark your calendar for the Relay For Life Event in Pocomoke on June 3rd, we will need volunteers to walk for us. You can get your exercise and help raise money for a great cause at the same time!

We really appreciate all your support
Thank you, Captain's Crew.