

THE LINKSLETTER



The Gettysburg Championship

by Maura Donley

Just when you thought it couldn't get any hotter in Gettysburg in August, the LPGA Duramed FUTURES Tour rolls into town to heat things up! The Gettysburg Championship, to be played at The Links at Gettysburg from **August 22 – 24**, has become the crown jewel of the FUTURES Tour. As one of the last stops of the summer, it is an increasingly important event for the 150 young women trying to make their way onto the LPGA Tour.

The FUTURES Tour has become the world's largest international women's developmental tour. In its 28th competitive season, the Tour has remained committed to developing LPGA stars of tomorrow, and creating viable role models for today's youth.

The Gettysburg Championship itself is in its 3rd year, and grows bigger and better every year. This year, the Championship is proud to have LPGA Hall of Fame Golfer Betsy King, serving as its honorary chairperson.

The Tour events have contributed more than \$4M to charitable organizations throughout the nation since 1989, and The Championship is a major contributor in our region. This year's championship will benefit Betsy's charity, Golf Fore Africa, and First Tee of the Susquehanna Valley.

Like all major professional events, it wouldn't be possible without sponsors and a herd of volunteers. Supported by the local and regional community,

it is a success each year because of the amount of time, talent, and resources that the community brings to the table.

With a need for over 400 volunteers, there's still plenty of time to sign up or become a sponsor. During the 3-day event The Links will also host a Civil War Encampment that is free to all attendees. The Encampment is an exclusive to The Gettysburg Championship, and there will be associated events throughout the event.

For more information on the Gettysburg Championship, or to become a volunteer or sponsor, visit www.thegettysburgchampionship.com.

Tickets may also be purchased online, and discounts are available for seniors and members of our armed forces.

THE WHITNEY MEYERS STORY

MAURA DONLEY

This girl rocks! Well, maybe not quite yet by LPGA standards...

Whitney Myers, a Hanover, PA native, joined the LPGA Duramed FUTURES Tour in July. She's returning to her home course, The Links at Gettysburg, to play in The Gettysburg Championship. "I'm excited to join the FUTURES Tour, but even more excited to come home to play in Gettysburg", said Myers. "All of my family and friends will be there, and while I'll be really nervous, it will be so much fun. This is my course."

Myers, 22, is a student at the University of Florida. She's been golfing since she was 3, when her grandfather taught her the game. She found it to be rather boring until age 11. Myers played in her first tournament at age 12, and hasn't looked back!



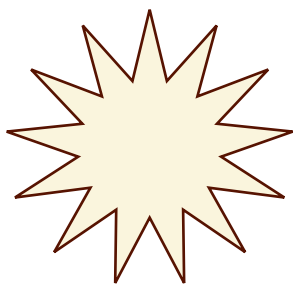
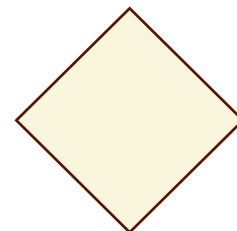
Whitney Meyers

The FUTURES Tour is often the proving ground for young women hoping to make it to the LPGA. The top 5 money winners every year get their card to the big leagues. It's a tough and grueling summer of travel and tournaments. Myers is joining the Tour to get a sense of professional play, and to work on her game. Her goal is to remain in the top 90 players for the remainder of the summer, so that she doesn't have to qualify for the Tour again next year.

Myers believes that she has been fortunate to call The Links at Gettysburg her home course, and is so grateful to The Links for allowing her to practice there. "I'm in awe of the final scores from the Championship last year. It's all about placement at The Links. When I come home in August, I'll tell my friends on the FUTURES Tour to focus on placement, and to be aware of the undulating greens. They can be tricky!"

Good advice from a future LPGA "rock" star!

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Love to sing? The Gettysburg Civic Chorus is looking for singers! Rehearsals are on Mondays from 7:30-9:00 PM at St. James Lutheran Church in Gettysburg. Contact Carolynne Fox or Lynn Hunter.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES AT THE LINKS

BOOKMOBILE	LADIES' BRIDGE GROUP	MANLY MEN'S CIGAR CLUB
Every 3rd Thursday	2nd & 4th Mondays	1st Thursday
Parkland Ct. 3:00-3:30 PM	Members homes	7:00-9:00 PM
Battery Ridge 3:30-4:00 PM	Contact Sharon Kuntzman	Contact Joe Hunter
LADIES' BREAKFAST	MEN'S HISTORY BOOK CLUB	BRING YOUR OWN PROJECT
Once a month, 9:30 AM	Selected Saturdays, 3:00-5:00 PM	2nd Tuesday, 10:00 AM
Hostess/4 ladies help cook	Books about forgotten wars	Individual project/Community Ctr.
Contact Betsy Dougherty	Contact John Kuntzman	Contact Liz Zaic
NEWSPAPER RECYCLING	LADIES' BOOK CLUB	SOCIAL COMMITTEE
3rd Friday	4th Wednesday	New committee just formed!
Paper bags/Bundles/No glossies	Community Center, 10:00 AM	Holiday parties and picnics
Contact Frank Negro	Contact Denise Regan	Contact Cindy Birdwell
COURTYARDS HOA BOARD	COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE	FRIDAY NIGHT HAPPY HOUR
Dennis Bowman	Exercise Room	Most Fridays, 5:00 PM
Chris Denham	Pool and Locker Rooms	Cocktails/Dinner
Stu Kravits	Contact Mark Williams	Clubhouse or Red Rock Grille

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



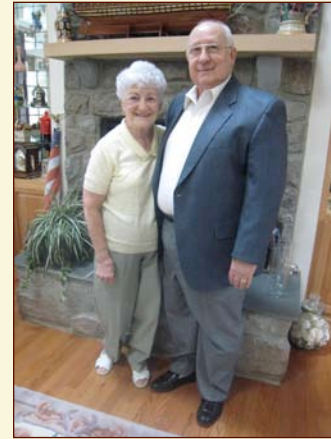
MEANT TO BE

LYNN HUNTER

Mike was born in 1933 into an Austrian family in the small mining town of Bakerton, PA. He lived on Main Street with his parents, five brothers and a sister. Since Mike's mom died when he was 6, he helped his dad with the cooking and taught himself how to make bread at 11 years old! He attended Bakerton Elementary School and graduated from Carrolltown High School in 1951. Mike played football, played drums in the band and especially remembers the Monday night dances at the teen club.

Ruth Skirsky was two years behind Mike in school. She was born in 1934 into a Polish family in Bakerton. Her affectionate parents also had three boys and Ruth's sister. Ruth loved the freedom she had as a kid, leaving home early in the morning and often not returning until suppertime. She sometimes would stop at Aunt Cecelia's for a piece of graham cracker pie! Ruth, too, loved to dance and mastered many musical instruments, eventually playing in the high school band.

When Ruth first saw Mike, she just knew this handsome guy was the one for her! But being shy, she loved him from afar until he noticed her playing the harmonica in the talent show. In her sophomore year, Ruth bravely asked Mike to dance during the Sadie Hawkins dance. Mike danced with her for the rest of evening. Mike gave Ruth his gold football pin, visited her in the hospital after an appendectomy, wrote her long letters during his four year duty in the Navy, and even lent her his car to drive while he was in the service.



Ruth and Mike Berzonsky at 3 Jubilee Court

Each of us has a story: being born, growing up, learning, working, moving, and loving. Each of us has a unique journey that brought us here together at The Links. Discovering our connections and our pasts is a fascinating study. It is a privilege for me to introduce our neighbors Ruth and Mike Berzonsky, three year residents of their lovely Alsace on Jubilee Court. Their story is one of perseverance, joy, hard work, faith, family, and love. Their romance and 53 year marriage was *meant to be*.

Ruth and Mike were married on June 18, 1955. They danced to their song, "Sentimental Me" and then went to the Poconos as their families in Bakerton celebrated for three more days. When they returned from their honeymoon, they lived in Bakerton, PA. Ruth had taught Mike to drive and now Mike taught Ruth how to cook! As two beautiful children came along Mike attended St. Francis College and Ruth went to work in the shirt factory. Ruth would take Michele and Bob to her mom's house before work.

After graduation in 1955, with Ruth expecting a third child, Mike accepted a job at Martin Marietta in Baltimore, MD. Here, Ruth and Mike met their dear friends Bill and Mary Kaifer and experienced life away from their families for the first time. Bill was born and with time, Ruth and Mike were able to rent their first house on Boundary Avenue.

Strong in their Catholic faith, Ruth and Mike's prayers were answered when Mike accepted a new job at Goddard Space Center, when they had two more daughters, Sherri and Lisa, and when they purchased their first 3 bedroom home on Golden Ring Road in Baltimore County. Mike worked at Goddard until he was 57 years old and served as financial analyst, financial manager and then as Deputy Project Manager for Resources.

During the next 26 years, Ruth and Mike raised their five children in Howard County MD on Graeloch Court. When Ruth's best friend passed away in her 30's, Ruth decided that she might like to pursue a career in Howard County Public School food services. For 23 years Ruth was a manager and transporter of school lunches where she gained much experience and formed many lasting friendships.

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Since their retirement, Ruth and Mike have enjoyed travels to England, Scotland, Germany, Ireland and Austria. They have been blessed with 15 talented and handsome grandchildren with whom they spend lots of time. Ruth enjoys sewing for the grandchildren, doll collecting and cooking. Mike pursues cooking, woodworking, gardening, and driving his new red T-bird. Both are active in St. Mary's parish of Fairfield: Mike serves as treasurer of the Knights of Columbus and they host the annual Christmas party in their home. They are big fans of the Baltimore Orioles. They have a special canning room in the basement of their home where they make homemade sauerkraut and tomato juice as well as can some varieties of fruits and vegetables.

Their daughter, Sherri, put together an amazing scrapbook three years ago when Ruth and Mike celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. As they shared this album with me, I heard remarkable stories about their past, about the five homes that came before 3 Jubilee Court, and about their accomplished children and grandchildren. Ruth and Mike have so many cherished memories of their lives and of those who they love. They enjoy living at The Links, praising our lovely grounds and our friendly neighbors. Although many friends and family members have passed away over the years, Ruth and Mike continue to make new friends and to keep active in their busy lives as grandparents.

As my interview came to a close, I asked Ruth and Mike what they wanted us to know about them. True to the lyrics from their song, they answered that they still prefer each other's company every day and on vacations. After 53 years, they still love most being together! The secret to their romance will inspire us all. "Darling can't you see, it was *meant to be*, I'm in love with you, no one else will do."



Many thanks to John Long, master groundskeeper at The Links!

Our first community garden has been a great success. Pictured L-R are Frank Negro, Joe Gallina, Bruce Bradshaw, Dennis Bowman, Bill Shade, Dale Shade, Jan Rovecamp, Chip Rovecamp and center, Joe Hunter.

We express our sincere appreciation to the founding members of our Social Committee who did so much for the past three years to make our holiday events memorable. Thank you to Arlene Rosenberg, Sharon Kuntzman, Hilde Young, Sandy Negro, and Bettye Baker!

Calendar of Events

Duramed FUTURES Tour: The Gettysburg Championship: 8/22-8/24

Bring Your Own Project: 9/9, 10/14

Ladies' Book Club: 8/27, 9/24, 10/22

Courtyards HOA Annual Meeting and Report: 10/16

Manly Men's Cigar Club: 9/4, 10/2

Ladies' Breakfast: 8/26, 9/18, 10/28

Newspaper Recycling: 8/15, 9/19, 10/17

Ladies' Bridge Group: 8/25, 9/8, 9/22, 10/13, 10/27

Visit by Mt. Joy Strategic Planning Initiative Team: 10/15

Labor Day Party: August 31, 5:00-7:00 PM, Community Center