

The LINKSLETTER



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FROM MY PERSPECTIVE

By Woody Stoner

If you're retired, love the game of golf and are in reasonably good health, it seems a "no-brainer" to work on a golf course. I think I'm finishing my sixth year here at The Links of Gettysburg. But who's counting? I've been a ranger, starter, cart guy, courier, water boy and sanitary engineer, i.e., trash man, but the role I take the most pride in is in my efforts on the tees.

I consider the golf course to be a giant, living organism. Better still, I consider it to be a beautiful botanical garden, requiring lots of loving tender care. John Long and his able crew do the bulk of

the work; I care for the tees every day, seven days a week.

If I'm off a day, I worry about the tees being used (abused). You have to care!

I believe that every guest deserves a fresh golf course in every way. We all can do better in this effort by replacing divots where possible, repairing ball bruises on greens, and generally taking care of the course as we enjoy it.

While on this subject, I might state here that the resident members are especially good at using divot mix while playing, and most get a refill at the turn. This does not go unnoticed. The Sunday two-ball group

makes good use of the mix too. Rick, himself, takes four or five bottles along



Woody spreading 'mix' at the LINKS

on his round. It all helps keep the course in good shape and looking sharp.

The Pro at Carroll Valley didn't care to teach golf lessons, so he commissioned me to do most of his lessons.

With a coaching, teaching background, this has worked out well. I love to play, but I absolutely get the most pleasure out of having a student grasp a swing concept and become a better ball-striker and thus a better player.

I'm on the course for four hours, seven days a week, so I don't miss much. If you see me, give me a shout! I'm never too busy to say "Hello!" or maybe to chat about your game.



Woody in his signature stance

Home is Where You Hang Your Hat

It has often been said that music brings us all together. That would definitely be the case in the Biba family. Our neighbors Michaela and Ray, who live on Parkland Court at The Links, with their four year old son, Michael, not only enjoy listening to and making music, but it was actually in the music industry that they met and fell in love not so very long ago.

Michaela Dolphin was born in 1971 in San Diego, CA . Michaela's parents divorced when she was twelve years old and after that she spent her growing up years both in CO with her Dad and in CA with her Mom. She gained three step-siblings (now teenagers) when her Dad remarried.

Michaela competed as an equestrian hunter/jumper from ages 5-12 and would like to do some riding in the future. She is especially proud of her feisty great-grandmother who is 93 and who still lives independently in San Diego.

Coming from a family of teachers, Michaela chose differently from her parents and grandparents. She majored in business and international marketing at Loyola Marymount. She travelled abroad to Germany and Spain, worked for a Danish company, and spent eleven years in the music industry. In 2001, Michaela met Ray. She was the National Sales Manager for TC Electronics in CA and Ray was the East coast

representative. Although they knew about each other for quite a while, they actually began dating in Colorado. Eventually Michaela moved East and as their friendship changed into romance , she was married to Ray in a small ceremony on a Friday the 13th on a picturesque bridge overlooking Carroll Creek in Frederick, MD. Thirteen has been their lucky number ever since!

Ray Biba (pronounced "bye-ba") was born in 1969 in the small town of Oglesby, IL. His last name is of Bohemian/Czech origin. He has two sisters and one brother. When Ray was just 8 years old, it became clear that he was gifted in percussion. Since he was and still is a proponent of "percussion for fun," he has wisely made personal and professional decisions along the way

by Lynn Hunter

wisely made personal and professional decisions along the way to preserve his philosophy.

Ray joined the US Marine's Infantry in 1989, and when Desert Storm was over, he enrolled in the school of music in Little Creek, VA from 1990-1994. During those same years he played percussion in the Marine Band, traveling to the Far East and the Caribbean. He later played in the Mid-Atlantic region, turning down some national acts so as not to become bored by playing the same repertoire. Even now, he and Michaela have musical tastes that favor good musicians who are individuals with a distinct musical style.

Both Michaela and Ray work from home for RPR, "Ray, Pete, and Rich," an independent company in the audio/video industry. They are hired to do sales support for

music dealers in the mid-Atlantic region and are responsible for selling the products for large organizations, such as casinos and football stadiums. Ray does travel to do site surveys for his work, and once a year goes to the "Big Gig" (trade show) in CA. Although the hours are often long, their home offices in their newly finished basement are spacious, bright and beautifully organized. Ray



Michaela, Michael and Ray

Home is Where You Hang Your Hat (continued)

by Lynn

facetiously calls 'rpr' 'Rest. Peace, and Relaxation.' Their busy company is anything but that.

In their spare time Michaela and Ray have diverse interests. Michaela works as an animal nurse several times a week at FEAH, Frederick Emergency Animal Hospital. She enjoys scrapbooking, playing piano, and sharing art projects with Michael. Ray plays percussion in the basement music room and is an avid reader with an exemplary talent for remembering most of what he reads.

Most delightfully, Michael (named after Michaela's Dad) serenaded us with songs from the film "Corpse Bride" and tuned in to "Wonder Pets" during our interview. He is a charming and talented little guy! Born on New Year's Day, January 1, 2004, Michael always stays up for the fireworks until it turns into his birthday. Surrounded by his cats Cornelius ("Corny") and Tinkerbelle ("Stinky Tinky"), both rescues, he told me about his friends Max, Jake, Leah, Reese, Caitlyn, Joseph, and Regan and about his school. He is in the "Motor Bike" 4 year old group at the YWCA Commerce Park day care

Commerce Park daycare, and is regularly chosen to lead the Zoo Phonics lesson for his class. He is



Michael on percussion

right on pitch as a singer, is an excellent artist, and enjoys playing soccer. He loves to watch movies with his mom and dad, especially "Nightmare Before Christmas". In fact, for Halloween the entire family wore costumes to their Halloween party, and for trick-or-treating with the neighbors. Ray was Oogie Boogie, Michaela was Sally, and Michael was dressed as Jack Skelington. Michael is happiest when he is visiting friends.

The Bibas love their beautiful stucco home and look forward to the time when the community will be finished. The DC/Balto./Frederick areas have gotten so hectic, that the family's move to The Links brings them a good measure of tranquility and peacefulness. They

love their friends here, spending time at the community pool, and watching movies together in their media room. Ray's younger sister, her husband, and 18 year old nephew, Nick, live in nearby Frederick. They plan to stay in this area until Michael is finished high school.

One day they hope to travel again, to perhaps revisit Colorado where they began their relationship, and to pursue old hobbies. In the meanwhile, "home is where they hang their hats," here at The Links, "cuddlin' on the couch and havin' some popcorn." What could be better than that?

Dog Walking Policy at The LINKS

Golf Course

1. Dogs must be on a leash at all times when on LINKS Golf Club property.
2. Dogs may be walked on Links golf cart Paths during approved times (before 7am, and after 8 pm), if there are no golfers on the course.
3. Owners must pick up and clean up after their dogs at all times.

Residential

1. Dog walking must be confined to the roadways and the 3 ft. plot that they border. Dog walking is not permitted on any other Common area, such as private lawns and 'unfinished' lots. These lots are owned and considered a "unit". **The owner has the responsibility to insure a full clean-up.**
- Permitted areas:**
 1. The roadway of clubhouse drive;
 2. The roadway of Battery Ridge Drive;
 3. The roadway of Mason Dixon Rd.
 4. The walking path between the 14th fairway and the creek.
 5. The Garrison Falls area is restricted to the finished roadways and a 3 ft. adjacent area.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

UPCOMING EVENTS



THANKSGIVING



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CHRISTMAS

1. Book Club - November - The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night by Mark Haddon - January - Peace Like a River by Leif Enger - December - No book.
2. Ladies Breakfast Club - See list below.
3. Bookmobile - Every 3rd Thursday, email will be sent
4. Bridge Group - Dec. 8th and 22nd, and Jan. 12th and 26th.
5. Holiday Cocktail Party -Sunday, December 7th 6:00pm - 9:00pm.
6. BYOP Group - Dec. 9th and Jan. 13th.
7. Manly Men's Cigar Club - Dec. 4th, Jan. 8th, Feb. 5th.
8. Poker night - Mark will send an email.
9. Men's History Club - Contact John Kuntzman—Civil and Mexican wars being covered. No meeting in December.
10. Holiday Home Tour - Sunday, Dec, 14th 5pm to 8pm



Ginny Werder -Best In Show at the Adam's County Arts Council's 5th Annual Art Show

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Ladies Breakfasts And Crafts Project Draw Fun Crowds

Ladies Breakfast Club

DATE	HOSTESS
Dec. 18	Liz Zaic
January	Lisa Love
February	Bettye Baker



The McFadden Home



Paula Kravits, Sue Denham, Lisa Love, and Sharon Kuntzman present holiday crafts at the Community Center.

Sharon McFadden hosts The October Breakfast



Karen McKay and Sharon McFadden



Yuthud Oberdick and Stephanie Bender

LINKS Residents Participate In Local Activities

Sue Bradshaw working at the Mt. Joy Township polls on Nov. 4th,

