



The Linksletter

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SPRING AT THE LINKS????

This photo was taken in Battery Ridge on March 25, 2013.

Hopefully this is the final snow of the season and temperatures will quickly begin to rise!



Upcoming Events

- 4/9 Second Tuesday Group
- 4/14 Weekend Book Club
- 4/24 Ladies' Book Club
- 5/14 Second Tuesday Group
- 5/22 Ladies' Book Club
- 5/25 Pool Opens
- 6/8 Wine & Cheese Party
- 6/11 Second Tuesday Group
- 6/26 Ladies' Book Club



THE HOA CORNER



We don't know whether or not to use the phrase 'We dodged a bullet'. It seems winter lingers on. That again implies that the snow removal budget will remain 'fat' and hopefully will hold through the last months of 2013.

The 150th anniversary of the 'Battle of Gettysburg' is this year and with it comes a slew of friends, relatives and many tourists. Please make sure we are courteous to our neighbors when it comes to parking. Use garages and driveways to the max and try to limit parking on streets. Please do not use the entryways to courtyards.

The initial lawn and landscaping projects will begin shortly. We will keep you informed of applications of fertilizer and weed control. We have contracted our lawn service provider to begin removing 'old mulch' before putting down the new application. They will be doing this to the homes that have been here for more than 7 years. Next year we will continue this project.

Have a wonderful Spring

John, Alice, Stu



COMMUNITY CENTER/POOL NEWS

Greetings from your Community Center Oversight Committee (CCOC)! We are busy making plans to open the pool this season on Saturday, 25 May. Each year, a lot of work goes into making our number one amenity the best it can be for all homeowners and their guests, and I encourage you to contact any member of the CCOC with questions about the Community Center and Pool, or with suggestions on how we might improve the facility. Your CCOC members are Bonni Klein, Rich Dassing, Connie Feldman, Stacie Rice, and David Birdwell.

THE LEPRECHAUN OPEN

The Tournament took place from Friday, March 15th through Sunday, March 17th. There were over 300 golfers taking part in the event over the 3 days. The tournament proceeds benefits the 1LT Rob Seidel Wounded Soldiers Fund. This fund was established by the Seidel family in honor of their son, Rob, who was killed in action in Iraq on May 18th 2006. The fund makes contributions to the Yellow Ribbon Fund which assists wounded soldiers and their families while they are at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.



LINKS GROUPS AND CLUBS

The Weekend Book Club

The April Weekend Book Club selection is The Paris Wife by Paula McLain. We will meet at Stacey Rice's house at 64 Garrison Falls Drive at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14th. Children are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by April 13 to Stacey at 359-0038 or wards4m0@hotmail.com. We hope to see you there!!

Here is a link to find out more about the book: <http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/8683812-the-paris-wife>

By Stacey Rice



Bookmobile

The Adams County Library Bookmobile stops at Parkland Court and Banner Court usually every 3 weeks.

You will find a good variety of adult and children's books, CDs and DVDs. You can also request specific books, CDs or DVDs from the Adams County Library (Gettysburg Branch - (717)334-5716) and ask that it be sent on the next Bookmobile visit to the Links. If you do not have an Adams County library card, you can get one issued from the Bookmobile by showing your driver's license.

I hope you will take advantage of this convenience.

By Arlene Rosenberg



Links Men's Breakfast

Gentlemen – Did you know that when the Links Ladies are enjoying their monthly breakfast, some of the Links men get together and go out for breakfast? They usually try to carpool and leave the Links about 9 am for the drive to a local restaurant for breakfast on that day. If you are interested and would like to be on the contact email list, email Stu Kravits at skravits@comcast.net.

LINKS GROUPS AND CLUBS (CONTINUED)

Second Tuesday Group Meeting

The Second Tuesday Group (which the ladies all still seem to refer to as "Projects") meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The group meets at the Links Community Center at 10:00 a.m. Bringing a beverage with you is recommended. You can bring a project to work on, maybe get help with your project if you are stuck, share ideas, and have good conversations – it's really just a great time to relax and meet with some of the other ladies in the community.

Wine and Cheese Party

The Links will be hosting its 3rd Annual Wine and Cheese Party to *Celebrate Summer* on June 8th at the Links Community Center. This year we will have a "reserve" table (for those that would like to reserve their bottle of wine) and a "share" table (for those that would like to share their bottle of wine). This event has been very well attended in the past and it will be a huge success again this year. A formal invitation/ email will be coming out in May for this event.



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Michelle Warrington

The Links Family Activities Committee

Although The Links Family Activities Committee is geared toward family activities, they welcome anyone and everyone to come and enjoy the activities and, if possible, to help with events! They are interested, also, in ideas for activities that would involve older children/teens in the community.

Email Stacey Rice at wards4m0@hotmail.com or call at (717) 359-0038 if you want to help with any of their activities or have ideas for future events.

The Links Billiard Club

The Links Billiard League wrapped up its 2013 season on March 20th, with a singles tournament won by Ken Mutzabaugh. Ken, one of five rookies who joined the league this year, defeated another rookie, Mark Maginnis in the finals. He had played his way to the championship match by first beating Chris Denham and Tim Dehan. Mark played into the championship match by way of the loser's bracket, and came within a near miss of winning the very highly competitive match.

This was our most successful season since the league began four years ago. The new and returning members brought the league membership to 22, a big increase from 16 last year. Seven members made their tables available. The first ten weeks of the league schedule consisted of doubles play, with an emphasis on fun and friendship. The goal is to ensure that everyone gets an opportunity to play on all of the tables and with every other player at least once. Members played a combined total of 758 games. At the conclusion of the ten week regular season, players may opt into the two week singles tournament and are seeded based on their record during the regular season. The top players during the regular season were Bruce Terry, Bud Vance, Gil Clark and Chris Denham. The League plays every Wednesday starting in January. Men with an interest in play-



ing should contact League Director, Gil Clark, gilclark7@comcast.net. The only requirement for participation is a commitment to play at least five weeks and at least some experience playing pool.

A Few Billiard League Members:

From left to right—Gil Clark, Mark Wivell, Bud Vance, Tim Dehan and Mark Maginnis

LINKS GROUPS AND CLUBS (CONTINUED)

Links Community Gardeners

The Links has a community garden with plots available to any resident. The garden is located just west of Golf Course Hole #6. 2012 was the 5th year for the garden and the number of gardeners has numbered a steady 6 hardy souls! Through extended droughts (water is provided) and wars with multiple varmints (ground hogs beware), we have weathered all storms and produced bountiful harvests of tomatoes, beans, peppers, cucumbers, onions, corn, etc, and of course - weeds!

As we start our sixth year, we are again asking if anyone else is interested in participating in this rewarding hobby. If so, please give me a call at (717) 359-7620 to reserve your plot in our Links Community Garden.

Pictures below of what a little (OK, a lot) of light work will produce and the first year's group of gardeners.

By Bruce Bradshaw Bradshawpa@comcast.net



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BIKE RIDE

One of the most rewarding activities that we at the Links take part in is receiving and cheering on warriors, who have been wounded, as they bike from Washington DC to Gettysburg. We assemble and show our respect for their service to our country. We expect them to ride up Mason Dixon again this year but as yet do not have a confirmed date. It usually occurs in late April.

When we know more information an email will be sent to all residents. We hope you all will again support this organization with your spirit and donation.

Respectfully,

Bruce and Stu