



The Linksletter

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HOA CORNER

Old Man Winter took its toll on us. White stuff fell all around and stayed and stayed and stayed. Cold temperatures took our propane bills out-of-sight. Electric bills climbed, and snow removal costs were the highest we have ever had at The Courtyards. That is the bad news. The good news is 'it is spring,' and there is still money in the snow removal budget.

Spring cleanup has begun. Contractors are beginning to repair lawn damage caused by the plows. Electricians are repairing light fixtures in which bulbs froze and broke, and the lawn service will begin

their efforts to replace some mulched areas, provide fertilizer, and weed control.

A Financial Advisory Committee has been assembled and will begin very soon to discuss Investment Strategy and Long Range Financial Planning for our cash reserves.

Work will begin to complete the Recreational Area which includes Tennis, Volleyball, Bocce and Horseshoe courts. Landscaping, lighting installation, stucco and paver repair projects are due to begin shortly.

Have a wonderful Spring,
Stu, Alice and Liz

Upcoming Events

- April 17th Ladies Breakfast at Lynn Wivell's
- 04/08 Second Tuesday Club
- 04/23 Ladies' Book Club
- May Ladies Breakfast at Sharon McFadden's
- 05/13 Second Tuesday Club
- 05/28 Ladies' Book Club
- June Ladies Breakfast at Karen Hollerick's
- 06/10 Second Tuesday Club
- 06/25 Ladies Book Club

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To see the Community Calendar, all homeowners can go to www.thelinksatgettysburg.com (spell out *at*, do not use the @ sign). Click on members club. Put in your last name and the password LINKS. Then click on Calendar for golf club events or Community Center calendar for Community Center events.

SECOND TUESDAY CLUB

Change is in the wind, and the biggest change for the Second Tuesday Group will be a new coordinator beginning in April, Cynde Vance. For those of you who are new to our community, the Second Tuesday Group is one of several groups that began in 2006 after the women then living at The Links met to identify common interests, like golf, books, and crafts, and arranged to meet regularly for those purposes. Our group began as the Crafts Group and has evolved as participants began bringing various types of projects, then it became the Second Tuesday Group because we have met almost very second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Community Center since its inception. Everyone is welcome for convivial conversation with friends and neighbors. Projects are optional, but bringing your own beverage is recommended, Cynde has been a most welcome addition to this group with her verve, great ideas, and wealth of experience. She has all our best wishes as she takes on this role.

Liz Zaic

LINKS LADIES BOOK CLUB

The book club meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 10 o'clock in the Community Center. All lady book readers are welcome. Below you will find the books we will be discussing in the coming months:

April 23rd The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore

May 28th My Notorious Life by Kay Manning

Denise Regan

BOOKMOBILE

The Adams County Bookmobile comes to The Links every 3 weeks at these locations:

Parkland Court 2:45 to 3:15

Savannah Dr and Garrison Falls Dr 3:30 to 4:00

The next dates on the Winter/Spring Schedule are April 15th and May 6th.

There is a good variety of adult's and children's books, CDs, and DVDs on the Bookmobile. You may also call the Gettysburg Branch Library at 334-5716 to request any of these in advance and ask that it be sent on our next Bookmobile visit. An Adams County Library card can be issued on the Bookmobile by showing your driver's license. The Bookmobile is a great convenience.....and it's fun to meet your neighbors "on board".

Arlene Rosenberg

LINKS MANLY MAN CIGAR CLUB

The cigar club is focused on the enjoyment of a fine cigar and a complementary beverage with members of the Links community. Meetings are held from 7-9pm once a month. During Spring & Summer, we meet on the patio outside the grill.

Meetings are open to non-smokers as well who like to enjoy fine spirits and interesting discussions as well as don't mind cigar smoke.

Meetings will resume in April. I will email you when the first meeting will take place. If you are interested contact Joe Hunter (Joehunter65@gmail.com) to join the group.

Billiard League

The Links Billiard League concluded its twelve week season on March 26th. During the season, 23 Links men played every Wednesday night and after ten weeks of doubles play, 16 entered the season-ending singles tournament. Those 16 were gradually whittled down and Steve Rice emerged as the champion, beating Bud Vance in a very closely contested match that after many games finally concluded just after midnight.

Players making it to the final night of play, in addition to Steve and Bud, were Tim Dehan, Gil Clark, Chris Denham, Sal Ferlisi, Doug Root and Mark Maginnis.

The League began in 2010 with just 12 players, an eight week season and no tournament. It has since doubled in membership size. There are nine men who hosted play on their tables. The 2015 season will begin on January 7th. Anyone interested in joining should contact Gil Clark at gilclark7@comcast.net.



The "Face of America" bike ride will once again pass "The Links" on its way to Gettysburg, PA. on Sunday, 27 April. This year 125 disabled Vets have already signed up with a total of over 600 riders. The route of the ride that starts in Washington DC has changed each year but the riders always want to pass "The Links" because of our large turn out and the welcome and support that we provide.

The riders will pass "the Links" sometime between 1000 and 1100 (the actual time will be announced the day before) Sunday morning and our flag waving turnout has become a moving tribute to our wounded veterans and active duty participants. Waving flags and shouting "Thank you for your service" makes the old heart beat a little faster and brings tears to your eyes. Many disabled veterans have re-mounted their bikes at the Rock Creek bridge just so they can pass our flag waving crowd.

Bring the Kids and Grandkids to this special day at the "Links" that shows our support for those that have laid it on the line in the defense of our country!

Bruce Bradshaw/Stu Kravitz





A Frosty

Challenge!

On February 13th what could have been better than another foot of snow? What else...a Frosty Challenge! All Links children...young and young at heart...were encouraged to get outside and create the best Frosty in the neighborhood. Because there was no school on Valentine's Day, the judging began after 1:00 pm. Photos were taken, a photo email was sent to the community and thirty-nine Links families voted for their favorite Frosty. Votes were tallied and prizes were awarded. The results:



First Place: On the Beach

submitted by Andrew, Caitlin and Emily Gastley, the grandchildren of Penny and Ted Elliot/children of Lauren Gray. (Prize: Starbucks Hot Chocolate)



Second Place: Pink Bunny submitted by the children of Catherine and Mike Short. (Prize: Cappuccino Hot Chocolate)



Honorable Mention: Pink Shoes submitted by Callan, the son of Paulene and Mark Goodman (Prize: Pepperidge Farm Fish)

Anita Friedrich

FAMILY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Spring is finally here, and Easter is right around the corner! The Links Family Activities Committee cordially invites you and your children/grandchildren/nieces/nephews/etc. to an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Egg Olympics. The egg hunt is for children 0-5. The Olympics are for the 5 and up crowd.

Please join us on Good Friday, April 18, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This event is rain or shine. It's free to all. We just ask you RSVP to Stacey Rice by Wednesday, April 16, so we can make sure we have enough supplies. Stacey's email is wards4m0@hotmail.com.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

The Links community has a community garden with available plots to the west of hole #6. This is the seventh year and the number of gardeners has been a steady six 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, flowers, and probably weeds!

As we start our seventh year we are again asking if anyone else is interested in participating in this rewarding hobby? If so please give Bruce Bradshaw a call at 359-7620 to reserve your plot in our Links Community Garden.

WINE, CHEESE AND SO MUCH MORE PARTY

The Links will be hosting its 4th Annual Wine, Cheese and So Much More Party on May 31st at the Links Community Center. 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.

Michelle Warrington