



# The Linksletter

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## Upcoming Events

- Thursday, June 8: Links Ladies' Breakfast at 9:30 am, hosted by Alice Kabatt.
- Thursday, June 8: Links Men's Breakfast.
- Friday, June 9: 2017 Wounded Warrior Golf Tournament at 1:30 pm at the Links at Gettysburg.
- Tuesday, June 13: Water exercise classes begin at the pool. See article under Links Activities.
- Thursday, June 22: The 9th Annual Golf Tournament for the National Christian Choir at the Links at 8:30 am. Contact Dennis Bowman for details.
- Tuesday, July 4: the Links Social Committee is planning a party at the Community Center. Food will be served from 4 to 6 pm, party until dusk. See email notice for details.
- Friday, July 7: Opening night of an Adams County Arts Council show, featuring artworks of two Links residents, Lisa Love and Paula Kravits, 5-7 pm. Their works will be on display and for sale from mid-June through the month of July.

## HOA CORNER

### Master Association Updates

Summer is finally coming and the Community Center Pool is now open! Please see reminders for responsible use of the pool under Community Center Updates. New lounge chairs and umbrellas have been purchased and placed by the pool for use. The Master Association reminds all Links residents to observe the rules for safe operation of our community pool.

The new lawn care contractor has begun working on pruning and trimming mulched beds in the community common areas, Last Summer's extreme heat had impacted on many plants in the community, especially on azaleas. Homeowners are responsible for maintaining their own flower beds, including replacing dead plants. No need for Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approval if the same plants are replaced. Otherwise, please contact your neighborhood ARC for review and approval.

The HOA is replacing some trees in the common areas to replace trees that died. The Links Developer is also installing new trees and shrubs in some common areas, primarily in Chamberlain Court area. The Developer is also working to install street lights in some areas as occupancy rates increase.

### Courtyard Home Owners Association (HOA) Updates

There has been a change in the Courtyard ARC members with Alice Kabatt and Bruce Terry replacing Gil Clark and Lenn Fagan. Mike Sheppo remains as the Chairperson. Alice serves as the Secretary and maintains the ARC records. The HOA Executive Board thanks departing, remaining, and new members for their service.

# Links Activities

*It has been a very busy Spring at the Links! The blue bells were blooming by the creek, enjoyed by many who walk there in the mornings. Golfers came out of their winter slumber to enjoy the beautiful golf course in our beautiful neighborhood. Spring activities included the Easter Egg Hunt for kids and adults, Saint Patrick's Day festivities at Happy Hour, and many other fun social events. In addition, Links residents organized and participated in many local charity events, such as the Purse Auction, the "Tee It Up for Jen" Charity Golf Tournament, the Gettysburg Optimist Club Golf Tournament, and the "Face of America" Bike Ride 2017. Here are just some highlights.*

## **Celebrating Spring at the Links**

Word got out quickly in early Spring that the blue bells by the creek were in bloom. Neighbors gathered together for a little early repast to celebrate the arrival of Spring!



## Red Hats Outing

The Links Red Hat Ladies have been very busy in the last few months. The monthly activities scheduled for this year included a luncheon at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, West Virginia and crafting at the Red Door in Taneytown, Maryland.



## Saint Patrick's Day at the Links

Links residents celebrated Saint Patrick's Day at the Friday Happy Hour and at the monthly Ladies' Thursday Breakfast.



### Neighbors Getting Together on Kentucky Derby Day

The Links Community Center was filled with neighbors gathered together to watch the Kentucky Derby, hosted by Barb and Tom Greeley. Of course, the venue included dozens of roses on tables, mint juleps, and men and women sporting fancy hats.



### Links Ladies Participate in Purse Auction

On Friday, February 17, a group of Links residents participated in the 10th Annual Purse Auction in support of United Way charities to raise funds for young adults transitioning from Foster Care to Independent Living. The ladies donated and purchased purses in support of this charity while having a great time. One of the organizers of this event, Links resident Karen Landry, was instrumental in getting participation from the community for this very worthy cause.



## Links Residents Participate in Fun Eating Activities

So far this year, our Links neighbors have enjoyed a variety of fun eating events. In the cold weather of February, Karen Landry (and her helpers) organized this year's annual Chili Cook-Off



Contest at the Community Center. Congratulations to the winners and all the dozen or so entrants! A special thanks goes to Chef Paul Karsteter, who judged the contest this year. Continuing on theme, in early April, nearly 60 Links residents turned out for the Taste of the Town in support of local Gettysburg businesses. Kudos to Cynde and Bud Vance for getting tickets for all who attended.

## “Face of America” Bike Ride to Honor Wounded Veterans



On April 30, Links residents lined both sides of Mason Dixon Road to honor the many wounded veterans participating in the World Team Sports "Face of America" two day bike ride from the Nation's Capital to Gettysburg. This is the ninth year that the Links as a community has turned out to say "thank you" to these veterans, many of whom are disabled, as well as the active duty participants. We showed our appreciation for their service to our country by cheering them on this ride.



### **Links Billiards League Completes Another Fun Season**

The Links Billiards League wrapped up its season on the evening of March 22, with Mark Maginnis emerging as champion of the season ending tournament.

League play began, as it has since 2010, on the first Wednesday evening following January 1. The game is 8-Ball, and 25 players played a total of 862 games over the course of 10 Wednesday evenings. The emphasis is on fun and camaraderie, but of course there's also a bit of scorekeeping. Gil Clark took regular season

honors with a 64% winning record, followed by Mark Wivell, Andy Muenzfeld, Mark Maginnis, and Bruce Terry rounding out the top five.

Following the regular season, 14 players participated in two evenings of double elimination singles play. Mark Maginnis beat Andy Muenzfeld in the exciting final match, with Mark Wivell placing third and Dennis Bowman fourth. A 1-night consolation tournament held the following week for those unavailable for the regular tournament saw Bruce Terry defeat Steve Rice in the finals.

Next up for the League is an opportunity to improve skills during singles play on four Wednesdays in October. This is an informal affair with no record keeping. It's a good opportunity for league veterans to knock off the summer rust and for new players, experienced or not, to get involved with the league. There are plenty of chances to pick up some pointers from the more experienced players. For information about October play, contact Andy Muenzfeld.

After the holidays, we look forward to the fun and competition of regular League play over the winter months. We always hope to be able to expand the number of players in the League but can't do so without the gracious support of those who volunteer to host League games. The coming year looks promising since it appears that the number of available tables may expand to about 14 from last season's 11. For information about the Winter League, contact Gil Clark, League Commissioner. (Contributed by Andy Muenzfeld.)

### **Water Exercise Classes at the Community Center Pool**

Once again, Connie Feldman is offering water exercise classes at the Community Center pool, beginning Tuesday, June 13, at 10:30 am. This class is FREE for any Links resident who is over 14

years old. The water is the perfect exercise venue for those of us with joint issues. Class activities will include a mix of cardio, resistance training, balance exercises, and stretching. You can remain in the shallow end for the entire class or venture into the deeper area for the cardio portion. You will not need to put your face or head in the water unless you fall in. Weather (and schedule) permitting, class will be held in our pool on **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30-11:45.**

Here's what you'll need for class:

- Two regular-sized pool noodles. Most dollar stores, Walmart, and Target sell them.
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- A plastic bottle of water (No glass at the pool)
- Water shoes (optional, but very helpful for support and a little extra resistance), and
- A desire to get some exercise, have fun, and visit with your neighbors!

**As always, please get your physician's approval before beginning this (or any other) exercise class.**

(Submitted by Connie Feldman. Please contact her for further information.)

## **Community Center Updates**

### **Community Center Pool Opens for Summer**

Your Community Center Oversight Committee is proud to announce the opening of our pool for the 2017 season on Saturday morning, May 27. The pool is open daily from sunrise to sunset. No one is permitted on the pool deck after sunset. A lot of hard work has gone into preparing the pool and hot tub for a super season of fun! Please read the attached pool rules and share them with your guests. As a team, we would like to share a few notes from the rules with you:

1. Please remember to bring your white keycard with you each time you visit the pool as ALL entrances to the pool deck are pass card protected.
2. Our lifeguard/pool attendant Kat will be at the pool on weekends and holidays and will monitor the sign-in sheet. Please note that Kat has the authority to clear the pool in the event of inclement weather. Please respect her authority.
3. Absolutely **NO GLASS** - of any kind - is permitted on the pool deck.
4. **No smoking** of any kind, including e-cigarettes, is allowed on the pool deck.
5. Please dispose of all trash generated by you and your guests when leaving the pool.
6. As a homeowner, you may invite a small number of guests to join you at the pool, but please remember that your physical presence is required whenever you have guests at the pool. It is a violation of our pool rules for you to invite guests, including extended family members, to the pool when you, yourself, are not there. We make an exception to the guest policy for Links homeowners' adult children who physically live at the Links.
7. No child under the age of 14 years, regardless of status, may be unattended at the pool.
8. Guests may not invite guests.

9. The hot tub is for the enjoyment of adults, and its use by children, although allowed, is discouraged. At all times, children shall defer to adults who wish to use the hot tub. If a homeowner opts to allow a child to enter the hot tub, the homeowner, himself or herself, must be physically at the edge of the hot tub. Absolutely no toys are permitted in the hot tub.

10. It is no longer acceptable to leave toys at the pool; if you do bring toy items to the pool, please take them home with you when you leave.

11. Please ensure that any child who is not toilet trained is wearing a swim diaper.

12. Adults are welcome to use the grill as they see fit. Please remember to turn it off when you leave.

(Contributed by Connie Feldman. Please direct any questions on the Community Center pool to Connie.)

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