



The Linksletter

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Upcoming Events

- Thursday, 14 Sept.: Red Hat Divas lunch at the C&D Grill followed by the 1863 Escape Adventure in Gettysburg. (Barb Greeley/Connie Feldman)
- Thursday, 21 Sept.; Ladies' Breakfast, hosted by Brenda Insalaco. (Betsy Dougherty)
- Friday, 29 Sept.: Oktoberfest 2017 at the CC at 6 pm. (Links Social Committee)
- Thursday, (date TBD) October: Ladies' Breakfast, hosted by Yuthud Oberdick.
- Thursday, 12 Oct.: Courtyards HOA Annual Meeting at the Premier Clubhouse at 7 pm. (Bud Vance)
- Tuesday, 17 Oct: Red Hat trip to Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore.
- Saturday, 28 Oct.: Links Halloween Festivities, including potluck at the CC, maybe a hayride, and trick-or-treating afterward. (Stacey Rice)
- Thursday, 9 Nov.: Ladies' Breakfast, hosted by Deborah Thomas.
- Thursday, 16 Nov.: Master Association Annual Meeting at the Premier Clubhouse at 7 pm. (Bud Vance)

Developer's Corner

Updates from Links Developer

Rick Klein, Developer of the Links Community, usually provides an annual update to residents at the annual Master Association meeting. Recently, however, Rick graciously shared some of his thoughts and vision on growth and development of the Links Community with this Newsletter.

The Links development began 14 years ago in 2003. After the first 4-5 years during the real estate boom when growth was "fantastic", things slowed down during the housing slump. As a developer, Rick is now in a better position to move forward as the market improves. Heeding lessons learned



"Wine, pool and golf! What a life." (photograph and quote contributed by Links resident Jerry Dougherty)

from some successful local developments and after consulting with experts, Rick has focused on selecting builders of house styles with price points suitable for this community. The four builders are: Wormald, Keystone, High Performance Homes (HPH), and - most recently - Gemcraft. The newly-opened 8 golf course lots at the Villas are open to all 4 builders.

Gemcraft will be also be building in the new Links neighborhood of Cumberland Crossing. Groundbreaking in Cumberland Crossing has yet to begin, as Rick is working with the Cumberland township and the state to get the final go-ahead, which should be soon. Rick noted that Gemcraft has already obtained 3 holds on lots in the new development to build 3 houses that average well above \$400,000.

Rick is also pleased that High Performance Homes has partnered with Sotheby's in Maryland for marketing HPH homes internationally. Other forms of publicity for the Links Community include advertising videos by HPH that not only highlight the Links Community but general Gettysburg amenities.

The Links Community has grown in the last 14 years to nearly 180 homes, to include the condominium units. The long-range goal for the Links is around 450 homes. He believes that as the Links Community becomes successful, as the tide rises, positive activity will breed more positive growth here. Rick is committed to drawing people to make the Links their home, but doing so in a way that maintains value in homes in existing Links neighborhoods.

Rick and his wife Bonni are proud to be residents of the Links Community, having down-sized from their house on Mason Dixon Road and now living in the Retreat Condominium.

Links Activities

It has been a beautiful, mild summer at the Links. The Community Center was closed briefly in early July for a much-needed deep cleaning, including the carpeting on the main floor and the stairs. The Community Center pool was spruced up with new patio furniture. The fountains have been repaired and are now running as a beautiful backdrop to the swimming pool.

The grounds of the Links are verdant this year, as the golf course recovered from last year's grass damage and the new lawn maintenance service is doing a good job. New trees have been planted in various neighborhoods, as well as on islands in North and South Chamberlain Courts, as the occupancy of those courts have reached 75%. Incidentally, tree planting on Penn Court had to be temporarily halted due to the sighting of a duck nest with six unhatched eggs. A state or federal law apparently prohibits interference with such nests. After determining the eggs were indeed abandoned by the mother duck, a cherry tree will now be planted there this fall. Crisis averted!

Autumn is returning and lots of community activities are being planned at the Links. Once again, a listing of Links organized, recurring activities is provided to residents below.

Men's Yoga Class

After the summer break, Men's Yoga Class resumed on Friday, September 1, 9-10 am. Taught by Brenda Insalaco, this class focuses on gentle movements designed to build muscles, improve balance and flexibility, and relieve stress. A yoga mat is required, along with a small blanket that can be folded to place your knees on or sit on. The class is free and no prior yoga experience is needed.

(Contributed by Brenda Insalaco)



Pizza Party and Presentation

On July 28, Michael McCloskey, HACC (previously Harrisburg Area now Central Pennsylvania Community College) History Faculty member, presented a talk about "Camp Colt, Gettysburg" at the Links Community Center. Organized by the Links Social Committee, pizzas were served as community residents learned about Gettysburg history.

Links Ladies Enjoy Red Hat Outings



Summer activities for the Links Red Hat ladies include a luncheon at the popular Appalachian Brewing Company, also known as ABC, in Gettysburg.



Red Hat Divas also enjoyed cooking demonstrations and eating the results at the Kitchen Shoppe in Hanover, PA.

First Friday Luau

Links residents turned out in appropriately colorful Hawaiian shirts for a luau party at the Community Center on 1 September. Over 50 Links residents attended the festivities.



Links Garden Plots

The Garden plots at the Links have always yielded bountiful vegetables and beautiful flowers for residents who enjoy the fruits of their labor. This year is no exception as these pictures show.

(Contributed by Bruce Bradshaw)



List of Recurring, Scheduled Community Activities

Ladies' Exercise Class at the CC at 9-10 am

- Monday: Aerobics
- Tuesday: Yoga
- Wednesday: Balancing Ball Aerobics
- Thursday: Aerobics/Pilates/Cool-down

(For more information contact: Bernadette Kesselman)

Men's Yoga Class at the CC Fridays at 9-10 am. (Brenda Insalaco)

Ladies' Yoga Class at the CC Fridays at 10:30 am (starting on 8 September). (Brenda Insalaco)

Ladies' Water Exercise Class at the CC pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 to noon, during pool season. (Connie Feldman)

Ladies's Breakfast on a Thursday each month, at the home of a Links hostess at 9:30 am.

(Betsy Dougherty)

Men's Breakfast on a Thursday each month, corresponding to the Ladies' Breakfast. (Stu Kravits)

Ladies's Book Club at the CC 10 am on the fourth Wednesday of every month. (Claudia Clark)

Ladies' Mahjongg Group on Thursday, 2-4 pm. (Linda Feldman)

Links Wine Club at the CC, on Saturday afternoon, once a quarter. (Cynde & Bud Vance)

Ladies' Second Tuesday Club on a the second Tuesday of each month, at 10 am in CC.

(Cynde Vance)

Ladies' Antiquing Group monthly outings. (Shelly Anderson)

Links Red Hat Divas monthly outings and activities. (Barb Greeley, Queen Diva)

Links Billiard League is active during the colder months. This winter, play will commence on January 3, 2018, every Wednesday night for 10 weeks. Preliminary warm-up/practice will take place in December. League play is 8-ball, doubles, and is open to all skill levels. A Singles Tournament will take place in October. (Gil Clark, League Commissioner; Andy Muenzfeld, Director of the Singles Tournament)

Men's Cigar Club meets monthly, usually on a Thursday at 7-9 pm on the patio outside the Pro Shop. (Joe Hunter)

Produce Gardens takes place in the warmer months. (Bruce Bradshaw)

The Links Family Activities Committee organizes seasonal activities such as the Halloween Festivities and the Easter Egg Hunt. (Stacey Rice/Cathy Short)

The Links Christmas House Tour. (Betsy Dougherty)

(There are many other organized activities not listed above. Please let us know and we will include them in the future.)

This newsletter serves the entire Links community. Residents are welcome to contribute articles, photographs, and suggestions/feedback to the Links Newsletter. Please contact Tai or Bruce Landis via email or phone, as listed in the Links Directory.

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