



The Linksletter

Summer 2019 Edition

Links Summer Socials

July 4 – Poolside Picnic – 5 pm

Aug 23 – Poolside Luau with DJ

Sep 28 – Oktoberfest

Oct 25 – Gourmet w/ Chef Subarna

Events are evening unless noted.

POC Contact Info

For POC contact information not published, please refer to your Links Directory to protect individual privacy.

A special thank you to all contributors to this edition and those who work to make the Links the great community that it is.

Links HOA website is: <http://www.LinksHOA.org>

Master Association Notes

1. A new mailbox has been installed in the community center parking lot. **All HOA and Master Association payments will no longer be accepted at the Links Clubhouse (601 Mason Dixon Drive) and should instead be sent (MAILED) to the Community Center (200 Clubhouse Drive).** A specific box is assigned to the Master Association and the various HOAs. Please update your automatic payments to reflect the new address.

The mailbox numbers are assigned as follows:

Box 1 - Master Association

Box 2 - Courtyards

Box 3 - Garrison Falls

Box 4 - Villas at the Retreat

Box 5 - The Retreat Condominium

Box 6 - Cumberland Crossing

2. Recycling service recommenced on June 4. There are three bins located behind the barn at 322 Mason Dixon Rd (across the road from the fifth fairway). Remember to break down all boxes before depositing them in the bins. **Regular plastic trash bags are not considered recyclable and will result in the containers being considered contaminated which will result in additional charges to all residents.** The only type of bags that is accepted are clear recyclable bags.

3. Propane tank fill day was held on May 30 in front of the Community Center. Several residents took advantage of having their tanks filled by Suburban Propane at a reduced cost (\$5 for a 20- gallon tank). We intend to have this become an annual event.

Russ Arighi

Summer Activities Around Gettysburg

Jul 1-3 156th Anniversary of the Battle
Thru Sep 2 100 Nights of Taps – Soldiers National Cemetery
Jul 4 Community Concert & Fireworks -- Memorial Field
Jul 7 Music Gettysburg -- United Lutheran Seminary Chapel
Jul 12-14 Thunder on the Strip -- Gettysburg Bike Rally

For additional local events of interest this summer, visit the Destination Gettysburg website.
<https://www.destinationgettysburg.com>.

Activities Around the Community

Welcome to New Homeowners at the Links

Barrett, Jack & Helen	6 Lookout Ct.
Blume-Kohout, Margaret & Robin	9 Parkland Ct.
Chernock, Ryan & Trish	8 Penn Ct.
Donoho, Casey & Dianne	11 Banner Ct.
Perry, Vern & Brianna	35 Bridge Valley Rd.
West, Jeff & Laura	17 Trevor Ct.
Whiteley, Alan & Diana Wright	105 Clubhouse Dr.

LINKS COMMUNITY POOL

The pool is open for business and pleasure, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Bill and Mary Thompson. The Links Community is deeply appreciative of all of their hard work and time devoted during the off-season in bringing the pool up to standard. On behalf of the Thompsons, the Pool Committee and the Master Association, we ask everyone to please follow the posted rules to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all users and facility members. Thank you for your compliance and support. *The Master Association*





AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION POOLSIDE

The Links Homeowners Social Committee will be sponsoring a July 4th picnic at the Community Center and pool. Festivities will start at 5 pm for gathering and social time and food will be served at 5:30 pm. We are in luck that fireworks are scheduled for around 9:45 pm at the golf course this year!



PICKLEBALL AT THE LINKS!

What is pickleball? Pickleball is a court sport best described as halfway between tennis and ping-pong. The court is smaller than a tennis court. It is most often played as a doubles game with two people on each side of the net. Each player has a pickleball paddle (15½ inches by 8 inches). The object of the game is to score points by successfully hitting a 3-inch whiffle ball across the net without it being successfully returned by the opponents.

Pickleball has grown in leaps and bounds in recent years. It first began to grow rapidly in senior communities. Schools now implement Pickleball in physical education classes and after school programs. It's easy to learn, it's great exercise and it's fun!

We are playing on Tuesday at 9 am on our new pickleball court. We also play Saturdays at 10 am and Thursday evenings at 7 pm. We have paddles you can use. Good tennis shoes, water and a desire to have some fun is all you need to bring. Come join in on the fun!

Brenda Insalaco





THE LINKS BUNCO LADIES

This month's gathering was held at Brenda Insalaco's home. Another fun evening spent with a great group of ladies.

If you would like more information or have a desire to join us for an evening of fun, please contact colleenarrighi@yahoo.com.



GARDENS OF THE LINKS

The gardens are in and some plants are already producing. We have nine gardeners from the Links participating in the garden program. The garden area is located close to the seventh tee box with water provided by the golf course. For information contact 717-359-7620, *Bruce Bradshaw*.



The pictured gardener on the left is Pauline Goodman preparing her plot for the summer season. The plot on the right belongs to Dwight and Marlene Kidd, while the background plot belongs to Linda Pekala.

Great job, gardeners! When's the picnic!?



THE LINKS WINE CLUB



The Links Wine Club met on Saturday May 11, 2019 at 5 pm at the Community Center. The event was hosted by Donna Marks. Many Links neighbors attended this fun event where great food and lively conversation were shared with everyone in attendance.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Aug 10, 2019, at the Community Center. The theme for the August meeting will be set by our hosts, Frank and Sandy Negro. More information and requests for volunteers will be out soon for the August event.

All meetings are held at the Community Center with a different volunteer host/organizer each quarter. If you're interested and host, YOU get to choose the theme.

All interested Links Community residents are invited to participate. If you have questions or would like more information, please email us at bacvance@gmail.com call at 717-359-0366.

Submitted By: *Bud & Cynde Vance*

THE HAWAIIAN OPEN



On June 6, 40 Links residents and employees played in the annual Links Hawaiian Open. The Hawaiian Open is the creation of Frank Negro whose sole initial purpose was to get neighbors and employees together to play golf and get to know each other. Why the Hawaiian Open?

Everyone is encouraged to play in a loud Hawaiian shirt. This year's tournament benefited Ruth's Harvest of Gettysburg. Thirty-eight local merchants from Gettysburg, Littlestown and Emmitsburg donated gifts, so everyone received a door prize. Through entry fees and anonymous donations, we raised over \$1700.00 for Ruth's Harvest. Great job everyone.

Frank Negro





THE LINKS 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 6-9 pm once a month on the second Thursday of the month. We meet on the patio outside the grill. Cigars are provided for sale. Members bring their own beverage to share. Meetings are open to nonsmokers as well who like to enjoy fine spirits and interesting discussions and don't mind cigar smoke. If you are interested contact *Joe Hunter* at Joehunter65@gmail.com, 443-255-1572, to join the group.



We have several new folks in the neighborhood so here's a little background on The Second Tuesday Group. Our group provides an opportunity to get together and share conversation with your neighbors. You may learn about something new happening in Gettysburg or the surrounding area. You might pick up a new household 'hack.' We meet the second Tuesday of the month in the Community Center. What we do each month depends on what the group decides. It could be anything from a brown bag lunch and game day to lunch out at a local restaurant, cookie exchange, a swap of home décor items, sharing craft projects or relaxing lunch poolside through the summer.

In April, a group of 15 of us antiqued at the Westminster Antique Mall and then shared a great Asian lunch at Forbidden City Restaurant. There was discussion of doing a similar activity in the future. If you're interested in antiques and have a favorite location, bring your suggestion and join us.

We have started our summertime poolside lunches, which enable us to take advantage of great weather and our lovely Links pool area. We meet at noon poolside in June, July, August, and usually September. July 9 is our next lunch and our theme is Bastille Day (July 14) so everyone is bringing a French food item to share. More info will be coming out soon on that so stay tuned. If you have questions, you may contact me at bacvance@gmail.com.

Submitted By: *Cynde Vance*

BILLIARDS ANYONE?



The 10th Anniversary season of the Links Billiard League concluded on March 21, when Andy Muenzfeld defeated Steve Rice to win the season-ending singles tournament. This was a rematch of last year's tournament which was won by Steve. Twenty-three men participated in the league this year. Twelve of these players hosted league play. I give you

the Red Rock Rumble.

The reward for winning the Singles Tournament in March has been materially improved thanks to a generous gift from Ken Mutzabaugh. We now have a very impressive trophy with name engraved. The picture here shows League Commissioner Gil Clark presenting the trophy to the 2019 champion, Andy Muenzfeld.

While the regular season of the Links Billiard League having concluded in March, members wanted more opportunities to play. The response is a Summer Session, which has been underway since the beginning of June and runs through July. It is a great chance for members to gain more experience playing singles. Two new residents, Alan Whitely and Jon Claus, have joined in the play.

New members are welcome. Contact (gilclark7@comcast.net). *Gil Clark*



LADIES BOOK CLUB

The Ladies of the Links Book Club is sharing some great books in the coming months. For your reading pleasure:

July 24th *Where the Crawdads Sing*, a novel by Delia Owens

August 28th *Hillbilly Elegy*, a memoir by J. D. Vance

September 25th *Educated*, a novel by Tara Westover

October 23rd *The Last Castle*, a novel by Denise Kiernan



Please join us for our informal conversations which are scheduled at 10 am at the Community Center. New members as well as old ones are always welcome. We hope to see you! As always, happy reading. *Claudia Clark*

LONG TIME RESIDENT APPEARED RECENTLY NEAR THE BRIDGE ON SAVANNAH DRIVE

Submitted by: Mike Scyphers
Garrison Falls



NEWS FROM GARRISON FALLS

Wormald Sells Out! Six months ago, Wormald owned six empty lots in Garrison Falls with little sales activity or even interest for the preceding year. Within a few months, every lot was sold, and construction has begun on five of them, with two under roof. In addition, there is a contract on the model Wormald home. If that proceeds to closing, there will be no Wormald presence in Garrison Falls for the first time since the community was created. After these homes are completed, 26 lots will remain in Garrison Falls—all owned by Developer Rick and Bonnie Klein. With Wormald gone, High Performance Homes and Gemcraft will be the only builders on site at the present time.

New Landscape Company: Garrison Falls residents have engaged a new landscape company this year (and for the next two to follow). Ruppert Landscape Company, out of Laytonsville, Maryland, is performing lawn care and related services and residents have reported very positive results. Ruppert has been in business since 1971 and, with over 1500 employees, operates in the mid-Atlantic region from Georgia to Pennsylvania.

Pest Control Problems: At the Garrison Falls bi-annual meeting on June 18, residents were treated to a presentation by John Simpkins of Mid-Atlantic Wildlife Control, LLC about the increasing threat to homes of small wildlife in the area—including mice, squirrels, birds, rats and snakes. Mr. Simpkins, whose company specializes in preventive measures against these critters [Note: *this is not an endorsement of Mid-Atlantic and its products*], noted the vast increase in their presence up and down the East Coast in the past 2 years, due in part, he believes, to heavy rainfall that has driven them down from the mountains. The primary attractions in communities such as ours are bird feeders and easily accessible openings in our homes—such as in roof-line soffit openings and vents. He describes bird invasion as the biggest threat—once they get into the home. Preventive measures include removing bird feeders from near the home and covering up soffit cracks and vents (with professional vent covers that block animal entry but still allow them to perform their function).

Recurring Activities & Events

Chair Yoga at the CC on Mondays, 10:30 -11:30 am. (Brenda Insalaco)

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

Ladies' Yoga Class at the CC Fridays, 10:30 -11:30am. (Brenda Insalaco)

Ladies' 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 at a local Gettysburg restaurant, aligned to the Ladies' Breakfast schedule. (Stu Kravits)

Ladies' Book Club at the CC at 10 am. on the 4th Wednesday of every month. (Claudia Clark)

Ladies' BUNCO Group: call Brenda Insalaco for more details.

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

Ladies' Second Tuesday Club on the second Tuesday of each month, at 10 am in CC.
(Cynde Vance)

Links Billiards League on Monday evenings during the summer. Contact Gil Clark to sign up.

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

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

Pickleball at the "Pickleball" Court 9 am Tuesday, 7 pm Thursday, 10 am Saturday (Brenda Insalaco)

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)

(NOTE: If there are 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 Jerry Wright or Kay

Larson via email or phone. Deadline for articles, pictures and updates for the Winter edition of the Linksletter is December 15.

Distribution of this newsletter and announcements of community activities depend on accurate email and contact information. Please contact the Links Neighborhood Directory Keeper Cliff Feldman or your neighborhood HOA representative to ensure contact information is up to date.