



The Linksletter

Summer 2021 Edition



INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Happy July 4th to
Everyone**

Contact Information

Please refer to your Links Directory for POC contact information for privacy protection.

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

Master Association Notes

Links Community Update:

Work on Charles Drive is progressing. Tarring of the road will be delayed until the fall; thus, there should be no effect to the pool handicapped spaces this season.

Answers to Questions from the Master Association Meeting:

At the November 2020 Master Association questions were asked concerning:

1. Cell Phone Antenna on the Water tower to improve service and reliability.
2. Bridge on Mason Dixon Road over Rock Creek to unite Cumberland Crossing to the Links

Stu Kravits volunteered to research these questions and prepare a response. Contact was made with the appropriate individuals that govern the two areas. Correspondence began and a final answer was received early in June of 2021. The answers were disappointing. Stu will keep you informed if changes are made.

1. Cell phone antenna on Water Tower. AQUA director's response: "The feedback received from HQ wasn't positive. It would require there be enough demand in that area for the carrier to invest in the project. There does not currently appear to be enough demand in the area for each carrier to justify a project."

2. Bridge on Mason Dixon Road. PennDOT Rep response: "I'm reaching out to you regarding the Mason Dixon Road Bridge project in Adams County. We are actively designing the new bridge. Once the preliminary design is completed, we will be going through the environmental, utility, and right-of-way clearances. The current estimated start of construction is Spring of 2023." Painting the bridge in the interim, termed a preservation project, is unlikely since the bridge is already programmed for replacement.

Stu will continue communications with these organizations. He also informed the PennDOT representative that the bridge currently divides the Links community, and every effort should be made to keep access to Cumberland Crossing from the Links during construction. **Stu Kravits**

Courtyards Updates:

New Courtyards HOA Committee member. Mike Fry stepped down from the Courtyards HOA board this spring. Frank Negro volunteered to complete Mike's term.

Russ Anighi

Welcome New Residents

Baumann, Paul & Monie	6 Shiloh Ct.	Courtyards
Butler, Robert and Karen	9 Lookout Ct.	Courtyards
Harner, Brad & Tammy	5 N. Chamberlain Ct	Courtyards
Horan, John & Mary	3 S. Chamberlain Ct.	Courtyards
Jobin, Louis & Sharon	15 Banner Ct.	Courtyards
Lucciotti, Bob & Darlene	95 Clubhouse Dr.	Courtyards
Rippeon, Ted & Brenda	60 River Rd.	Cumberland Xing
Scott, Marlene	220 Savannah Dr.	Condos #201
Strickland, Julie	13 Lookout Ct.	Courtyards
Vinson, David & Janet	99 Bridge Valley Road	Garrison Falls

*If you know of a new resident to the community, please inform **Jerry Wright** along with a contact email and/or phone number for the new resident. To respect privacy, Jerry will coordinate with our new resident to determine appropriate contact information for our directory and distribution lists.*

Recent & Upcoming Events @ The Links

Many activities have restarted, and new events are planned in and around our Links community. Golf season is in full swing as are many of our residents. Gavin Green, the new PGA professional, joined us late last year and is making his impact felt as the General Manager and Director of Golf. Also, new to the staff and enhancing the quality of the offerings at the Red Rock Grille is the new Grille Manager Keri Frail. Recent Happy Hours have been well attended in response to her and Executive Chef Tony Alvarez's tempting menu selections.

Below please find brief notes for recent, planned and ongoing activities taking us through the summer and into fall. Activities not mentioned are in the process of planning their restart, which will be announced through Links distribution. There are several activities that have lost their leadership due to moves, etc., and are in search of individuals interested in restarting these activities. Interested parties should notify LinksMasterAssociationBoard@gmail.com. Activities include:

- The Wine Club
- Family Activities Committee
- Ladies Second Tuesday Club

Giving Back

Thanks to the generosity of the Links residents, we mailed 10 boxes of personal supplies and snacks to the military members aboard the USS Iwo Jima. In addition, we donated 18 pairs of pants to the Philadelphia Veteran's Administration Medical Center for veterans with spinal injuries and amputees. The Gettysburg Chapter of the *Daughters of the American Revolution* would like to thank us for our kindness. In the pictures are the organizers Barb Greeley, Karen Landry, Claudia Clark, and Sharon McFadden.



Links Hawaiian Open, Thursday, September 9



In early spring 2007 the idea of a community golf outing was discussed around the course and pro shop. On April 4, 2007, the First Hawaiian Open was held. It was called the HO for no other reason than wearing a loud Hawaiian shirt was encouraged. The first year 24 men played.



The second year the playing field expanded to include the women of the community as well as workers at the Links. The field grew to 38 players. In 2010 members living outside the Links were invited. In 2011 the field grew to 52 players, our largest showing. Also, in 2011 we saw the introduction of door prizes and a "Duffers Package". Local area businesses donated merchandise and gift certificates to be given as prizes. The "Duffers Package" was sold for \$5.00. The package gives the player a mulligan of choice, a drive from the forward tee and a hand wedge. This has added much thought to the game as groups were compelled to strategize.

Proceeds from the outing go to Ruth's Harvest Gettysburg, a free ministry of area churches and organizations that provide healthy meals for disadvantaged children in our area. This year your entire entry fee will be donated to our local Ruth's Harvest.

Will you play this year? Details will follow shortly through Links distribution.

Frank Negro

Links Pool Committee



The 2021 Links Community Pool season is underway and being enjoyed by all. We have purchased two new table sets with seating for 4, and two new umbrellas with stands. With our growing community we felt like the new tables would be a welcome addition to the pool deck area. We have also purchased two broom & dustpan sets and a new first aid kit (located near the hot tub). Our community is ever changing, and we hope the Pool Committee can keep up with the needs of the community so they can enjoy the pool to the fullest. The pool is open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please come join us! Any comments and concerns can be sent to:

LinksPoolCommittee@gmail.com.

Links Garden Club



We have 13 gardeners from the Links participating in the garden program this year. The garden area is located close to the 7th hole tee box with water provided by the golf course. Plots are assigned for each gardener. In the picture below left, find gardeners Mike & Pat Koziski; below right find Ken & Betty Ann Lepone and Bill & Patty Stack. For information contact:

Bruce Bradshaw, Gardener-in-Chief



Pickleball Play

Pickleball play is picking up steam as seen in the 'action' shots below courtesy of ***Heidi Stone***.



Tour of Lost Avenue

On May 2, members of the Links and surrounding communities participated in a tour of the historically significant, but often overlooked, Lost Avenue. Lost Avenue is a part of the Gettysburg Civil War battlefield and represents the skirmishes held on the right flank of the Union forces. Battlefield Guide Emeritus Dean Schulz hosted the tour both of his adjoining property and of the Lost Avenue. Dean's historical knowledge is unrivaled, and his descriptions brought to life some of the personalities who fought and died here. Many thanks to Bernie Mazer who organized and coordinated the tour. Below are some pictures of Dean's farmhouse, the Lost Avenue and members of our group.

Battlefield Guide Emeritus Dean Schulz



Battery Ridge Summer Kickoff Social

July 2nd marked the restart of social activities for Battery Ridge residents. A group get-together kicking off the summer season was held in the large community court at the bend in Battery Ridge Rd. Residents brought a dish to share, and chicken was ordered for the main course. It was great catching up with everyone. Many thanks to Karen Landry, Arlene Rosenberg and Margarita Valente for their organizing skills and community spirit.



Couples Golf @ The Links

Couples Golf Couples, another great addition to Links activities, had a significant highlight recently. Our relatively new Garrison Falls resident, Jim DeLorenzo, came up big on the first shot of May 6 with a hole-in-one on Hole #3 - after a 50+ year pursuit Jim knocked in his first! Congrats, Jim.



Ladies Book Club

The Ladies of the Links Book Club looks forward to starting where we left off last March! Our discussion will take place in the sitting room of the Community Center starting at 10 am on Wednesday September 22nd. First novel will be *The Giver of Stars*, by Jojo Moyes, followed in October by *The Golem and the Djinni*, a novel by Helene Wecker. Hope to see you there!

Claudia Clark



Yoga, Pickleball, and Water Aerobics in Progress. See Leads below if questions.

Brenda Insalaco



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Connie Feldman



Links Men's Breakfast

I am trying to get the Men's Breakfast started and have contacted the Restaurants that we usually frequent. They all said that we are a month or two away from serving large groups. Therefore, I asked our Executive Chef, Tony Alvarez, if he could prepare a breakfast that we can be served outside on the patio. He has agreed and worked up a small menu of traditional breakfast items: eggs with toast, potatoes and meats, pancakes and eggs, French toast, and fruit salad. There will be coffee and juices as well. Prices are being negotiated. We are aiming for the third Thursday in July. If the breakfast is a go, I will be sending out an invite and will need an RSVP. Stay tuned.

Stu Kravits

Billiards Anyone?



The Links Billiard Club concluded a successful 8 week Spring Warm-up session, with 8-10 players participating each week. The next billiards activity may be held in the Fall, depending on interest. The Winter League will definitely be startup in January through March 2022. I look forward to the long awaited restart of our play. *Gil Clark*



Photograph courtesy of Kurt Dustin



Many Links Activities on Pause

Resumption of **Activities** will be Announced via email.

Billiards League on Monday evenings during the summer. (Gil Clark)

Chair Yoga Thursdays, 9 AM at the CC. (Brenda Insalaco)

Family Activities Committee organizes seasonal activities. (**TBD**)

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

Ladies Breakfast on a Thursday at 9:30 AM each month at the home of a Links hostess (Betsy Dougherty)

Ladies BUNCO Group: call organizer for more details. (Colleen Arrighi)

Ladies Mahjong Group on Thursdays, 2-4 PM (Linda Feldman)

Ladies Second Tuesday Club on the second Tuesday of each month, at 10 AM in the CC (**TBD**)

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

Men's Breakfast on a Thursday each month at a local Gettysburg restaurant, aligned to the Ladies Breakfast schedule. (Stu Kravits)

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

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

Pickleball at 10 AM on Tuesdays at the Tennis Court (Brenda Insalaco)

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

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

Social Activities Committee schedules Last Fridays and other events throughout the year (Sal Ferlisi)

Wine Club at the CC, on Saturday afternoon, once a quarter. (**TBD**)

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.