

The Tradition

The way of life in a community

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Pawleys Island, South Carolina

Activities

- Aerobics**—Genie Burg—237-7108
Book Exchange—Veronica Bucello—237-7334
Bridge (Ladies)—Jane Reynolds—235-2023
Bridge (Marathon) - Danny Phillips—235-9338
Bridge (Men)—Norm Nuding—237-2275
Coffee Klatch—Sharon Schwarz—235-3845
Garden Club—L. Espey—235-3518
Golf—18 Holes (men)—Vince Franco—237-9190 or
Jim Conway—237-5802
Golf—9 Holes (men)—Bill Huish—237-5631
Golf—18 Holes (women)—Patsy Roberson—235-0118
Golf—9 Holes (women)—Nancy Malara—235-9344 or
Ann MacDonald—235-0743
Gourmet Diners Club—Dot Franco—237-9190
Kid's Club—Jennifer Kaylor—237-7179
Mah Jongg—Lynn Autorino—237-7745
Needleworkers—Loretta Espey—235-3518
Newsletter Editors—Dot & Vince Franco—237-9190
Pinochle—Vince Franco—237-9190
Poker-(men)—Vinny Autorino—237-7745 or
Paul Kelly—237-1898
Telephone Directory—David Toelkes—235-2023
Tennis—(men)—John Hoover—235-0261,
(women)—D. Gambrell—237-3556
Water Aerobics (in season)—Juanita Moore—235-2342

Committee Chairs

- Building/Grounds/Pool/Tennis Courts**—
Walt Murren—235-3733
Social/Clubhouse—Ron Belbutowski—235-3819
Covenant Committee—Frank D'Amato—235-8885
Architectural Review Board—Danny Phillips—235-9338

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Original Masthead Art by Jef Sturm.



Suzanne, Thank You for a Job Well Done

By Ginni Swenson

One of the driving forces behind what makes the Tradition community such a great place to live has decided to retire and take a little "me" time. And, it is richly deserved.

Suzanne Strasser, chairperson of the Tradition Social Committee has retired after five plus years as a member and chairperson of that committee.

Very few people realize exactly how much work is involved in making our social activities at the Tradition so successful, as well as cost efficient.

As Social Committee chairperson, Suzanne, along with her husband, Tom, and committee members, Moe & Sandy Blais, Chuck & Ginni Swenson, and Regina Wichrowski – and numerous volunteers—have been responsible for all of our community-wide social activities. Suzanne has always been the driving force behind the committee. The Committee produced several enjoyable community events including Bingo, the Par 3 Golf and Margarita Party, the 4th of July Golf Tournament and festivities, the glamorous dinner dances at Pawleys Plantation, and the annual Luau at the Beach House. The Social Committee receives no funds from the Property Owners budget, and under Suzanne's guidance and event know-how, we have all been the beneficiaries of a variety of fun and elegant events at reasonable prices, and at no cost to the Homeowners Budget. Suzanne single handedly was responsible for getting the ads which appear in our newsletter; thus reducing the cost to individual homeowners for its production. She has also worked closely with the newsletter editors on content and format over the last four years.

The overwhelming calendar of activities that appears in the newsletter every quarter was the product of Suzanne's excellent coordination talents. She was also responsible for all rental activities held at the Pool House from scheduling all of the events to follow-up inspection after every event.

Our hats are off to Suzanne for all of her hard work. Her wonderful organizational skills will be sorely missed. Kudos for a job superbly done!

Tradition Social Committee News By Suzanne Strasser

We have had another wonderful year with bowlers, margarita drinkers, dancers and party people. I would like to thank Sandy Blais and her helper, Moe for a great yard sale, raffle gifts for July 4th and a fun mini-golf/margarita party. Thanks to Ginni and Chuck Swenson for their help on the beach party and July fourth celebration. I would like to thank Tom for; bingo, setting up dance floors, moving tables/chairs, organizing beach parties and negotiating contracts for outside events. A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers that deliver Newsletters, setup and close down parties and do all the many functions that make things happen. Also, it has been a pleasure working with Vince Franco on the Newsletter.

After about 5 1/2 years I am retiring. I'm going to take water color classes, computer classes and dance-dance-dance.

At present, please contact Ron Belbutowski, Tradition Homeowners Association President, if you wish to schedule any private or club related event in the pool clubhouse.

I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Let's keep Tradition a fun place to live.

Editors' Note:

Suzanne Strasser is a remarkable lady. Over the past two years, we worked closely with Suzanne to produce the quarterly Tradition Newsletter. She solicited all the advertising and formatted the ad pages, developed and produced the quarterly calendar, written the Social Committee articles, acted as an advisor for the final layout, negotiated the printing, and coordinated distribution. We can all be thankful there are people, like Suzanne, who give so much of their personal time to make our community such a great place to live.

Hospice Festival of Trees by Betty Ruff

Many thanks to all Tradition residents who so generously applied their talents and donated their time in making the 2002 Hospice Festival of Trees a wonderful success. The Tradition community played an important role in every aspect of the festival and supported the entire event by outstanding participation at the various activities.

We can all be proud of the role we have played as a community and the results of our efforts in support of this worthy cause that has helped so many individuals and their families.

Homestead Exemption by Howard and Claudia Krauth

There are certain good benefits to becoming 65 years of age aside from Medicare. The Homestead Exemption Program would be one. Once you reach 65, you need to apply for this at the County Auditors Office in Georgetown. You will need proof of eligibility if applying due to age. Bring your birth certificate, Medicaid card, Medicare card, or driver's license. If you are applying due to disability, you will need to present documentation from the state or federal agency certifying the disability. If you are applying because of blindness, you will need to present documentation from an ophthalmologist registered with the SC Commission for the blind. Other pertinent information is available from the County Auditors Office in Georgetown.





Chairman's Corner By Ron Bellutoruski

January ushered in another year. As we enter February 2003, I wonder how many resolutions have already been broken or forgotten. I hope you are still working on most of those you made on New Years Day 2003. While we are on the subject of resolutions, there are a few you may have forgotten to make, resolutions that will help you be a good neighbor and therefore keep The Tradition an excellent place to live. For example:

- Will you resolve to do a better job of maintaining your exterior property? It makes a difference when every owner or renter on the block does their part.
- Will you pet owners resolve to handle pet refuse properly? That means picking it up and not disposing of it by a heave, plastic baggie and all, into the nearest conservation area rather than into your trash container in the garage.
- Will you resolve to volunteer some time and talent in service to The Tradition?


We need volunteers to take over tasks of our Social Committee, our Buildings and Grounds Committee, our Covenants Committee, and our Architectural Control Board. Next fall we will need residents to run for the elected positions on the Board of Directors.

We are fortunate to have had very good participation of volunteers for our neighborhood committees. This includes the physical labor of a number of volunteers, maintaining irrigation systems, improving common areas, the member clubhouse and pool, and working on the flower displays and other aspects of our landscaping. This also includes the time and talents expended to bring to all residents social opportunities throughout the year, and to bring us the quarterly Tradition Newsletter and the annual resident telephone directory. Some of our volunteers are weary after up to five years of extensive service to their neighbors. I mention Tom and Suzanne Strasser, Moe and Sandy Blais, Walt Murren and Howard Krauth as neighbors who deserve our thanks for their volunteer efforts.

If one of the members of your Board of Directors doesn't call you, why not take up the challenge and call one of them to let them know you want to volunteer.

There are a couple of information items about things that have occurred recently. You may have noticed that roof overhangs on the east and west ends of the clubhouse were added. New sets of French doors were installed. The purpose of the overhangs is to protect those doors and to help reduce the glare of the noonday and afternoon sun. Also, we planted six palm trees along the Willbrook Blvd. side of the pond west of the front entrance. These trees will break up the sight lines of that area, while not causing any problems to the pond such as falling leaves or leaching fertilizer residue. During December we had sign posts painted throughout the neighborhood. Many of those posts had become unattractive due to mold and deteriorated paint.

I hope to see many of you at our Annual Homeowner Meeting on February 20th. If you are not planning to attend, remember to return your proxy in order that we have a quorum of homeowners at that meeting.



There have been some complaints about folks covering their plants with sheets, boxes, etc. While everyone has the right to protect their plants they should be considerate of their neighbors and the community and remove that covering during the daylight hours; extreme weather, of course, notwithstanding. We all can understand not getting out and removing the covering on bitter cold days, but the coverings should be removed on mild days.

Annual Homeowners Meeting
will be held on
Thursday, February 20th
6:30 PM
in the Tara auditorium
at Litchfield by the Sea





Covenants Committee By Frank D'Amato

Your Covenants Committee members would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents a happy and healthy New Year. I personally would like to thank the committee members for their hard work and time put forth over the past year. The committee work, while extremely valuable to the community, can be very thankless at times. Most residents realize the purpose of the covenants and support our work. This is evident by the many calls we receive thanking us for the follow-ups to covenant violations. We continue to have a very small number of residents who do not seem to understand our actions and purpose. We are not here to single out individuals but to maintain the beautiful aesthetics of the Tradition community and our property values. While our stock market portfolios continue to diminish, our property values continue to increase.

The following are a few of our most recent activities:

- Pets: If you walk your pets beyond your own property lines, it is your duty to clean up after them.
- Lawns: If you discontinued your lawn service for the winter, you continue to be responsible for winter clean up such as leaves, branches, and dead trees. Please do not remove trees without first talking to Danny Phillips of the ARB.
- Vehicles: Cars/trucks should not be parked in streets overnight. In the last newsletter I mentioned trucks over 6 tons are not permitted in driveways and streets overnight. This should have read 6000 pounds.

This will be my last article for the newsletter, as I will be stepping down as chairperson in February. Your new co-chairs will be Bill and Jeanette Renault. Our meetings are held every second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the pool house. If you have an issue regarding the covenants, please come in and talk to us. We are your neighbors and would much prefer to work with you face to face. If you are uncertain about a covenant, call any of the committee members listed below.

Your committee consists of the following neighbors:

Debbie Massie – 237 7420
 Harry Stewart – 237-1305
 Bill and Jeanette Renault – 235 3566
 Jim Lewis – 237-5159
 Tom Ellison – 235-8071
 Joan Sheldon – 235-2357
 Phil Fleiss – 235-0990
 Bernie Russ – 237-5099

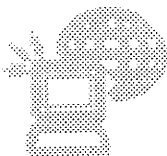
Resident Directory Update By David Toolbas

The new Tradition Homeowners' Directory was published and delivered in January. Any additions, deletion or modifications will be updated in the future editions of the Newsletter.



Tradition Community Website

contains information, activities, and social events going on in the Tradition community. The site also has links to the Electronic Newsletter, Gourmet Diners, and the Men's and Ladies' Golf Leagues.



<http://www.qualitykid.com/index.htm>

Website sponsored by the Tradition Social Committee

Getting to Know Your Neighbors By Joan Murren

Jeanne and Wayne Coburn were both born, raised, and educated in Piqua, Ohio, although they didn't meet until they finished school. After marriage, they moved to a large farm in nearby Troy, Ohio. The Coburns didn't farm themselves, but had an extensive vegetable and flower garden. Jeanne assumed the responsibility of farm manager and they had sharecroppers who raised corn and soybeans. Wayne served a four-year apprenticeship to become a tool and die maker, a position he held for more than 30 years.

They have two sons, both career military men. Bryan, the older of the two, has been in the Air Force for 13 years, and is presently stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. He is a missileer, and has been accepted for officer's training, and will soon be involved with nuclear weapons. Their younger son, Jerry, is an Airborne Ranger Army Captain stationed at Fort Benning, GA. He is presently teaching an officers basic course, but will soon be leaving for Kuwait. When the boys were growing up, the Coburns were very involved with the Boy Scouts. Wayne was a Scoutmaster and Jeanne was his assistant. They often hosted scout campouts on their farm, and it was not unusual for Jeanne to make three gallons of hot chocolate for the boys.

The Coburn family vacationed every year in Myrtle Beach. During one of these vacations, someone suggested they visit Litchfield—they did and decided this was the place to retire. They selected a lot on the second fairway, mainly due to the stand of large oak trees in the backyard, built their beautiful home, and moved here in October of 1998.

When they first arrived, they had a cocker spaniel named Samantha who would circle the oak trees, but would not go in the center of the stand. Wayne decided to build a brick path around the oak trees for Samantha; 7600 hand-laid bricks later they had paths and garden edges in what soon became a backyard showplace for golfers to enjoy. Jeanne and Wayne plant mostly tropical plants to simulate a rainforest, and edge the gardens with brilliantly colored impatiens. The plants are treated like outdoor furniture—they are moved many times until the right effect is achieved. The gardens are fertilized in the spring with a time-release, nine-month fertilizer. Wayne worked for a landscaper when he first moved to SC,

and learned a great deal about southern gardening. Jeanne acquired a love of gardening from her grandmother, who taught her how to collect seeds and cultivate them.

Jeanne also loves interior decorating. She has done all the painting, including faux painting, in their home—Wayne holds the ladder for her!!! The main living areas are done in sea colors with earth tone accents. Many potted plants accentuate the décor and the effect is one of total serenity. Jeanne also is a dedicated walker, and can be seen on her four-mile trek almost every morning. She and Wayne often walk to the beach and back. One of their favorite places to hike is in the Santee Coastal Reserve south of Georgetown. This 25,000-acre reserve is home to many bears, wild hogs, and 15 foot alligators! Jeanne entered the Run for the Lights walkathon sponsored by their local Ohio Fire Department, and won three times.

Wayne prefers running and biking. In Ohio, he belonged to the Dayton Cycling Club, where it was not unusual to bike for 100 miles a day. He estimates he biked 6000 to 7000 miles each year. He also enjoys skeet and trap shooting, and is a member of the Backwoods Quail Club.

Jeanne and Wayne love to surf, both body and board. They are also avid fishermen, particularly enjoying surf fishing. The Coburns are in the minority in Tradition, in that they are not golfers. They don't know what they would give up if they decided to take up golf. Presently, they are anxiously awaiting the birth of their first grandchild. All the Tradition golfers appreciate the tranquil backyard that we are fortunate to see behind the Coburn's home.

The Tradition Board of Directors

Ron Brugge	237-5522
Moe Blais	237-3925
Dick Hajec	237-7046
Ron Belbutowski	235-3819
Ginni Swenson	235 9233
Property Manager: Tom Finley	272-1123 ext. 251
	his mobile is 458-5001.



Tradition License Plates

Do have a Tradition plate? Want one?

They are available for \$5.00 each.
For information contact Paul Kelly at 237-1898.

Meet Your Neighbors

At the monthly coffee klatch

Every third Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

at the Pool House

\$1 donation at door



Art Exhibit



Jef Sturm is now exhibiting at the **Cuz I Gallery** on 70 A Da Gullah Way in Pawleys Island. (Behind the Mockingbird Deli) Jef will be having a one man show at the gallery for the entire month of April. The subject will be flowers. Stop by and enjoy the show!

Needleworkers

Join us Fridays at 10:00 a.m.
At the Pool Club House

Our needleworkers group will have an open house on April 4, between 10 and noon. All are welcome to come to the pool house on that date. Completed projects and works in progress will be displayed.

The needlework group meets every Friday morning from 10 am to 12 noon. Beginners are welcome—we'll help you get started. Or if you would like to complete that work you never finished and put away in the drawer or closet years ago; whether it's crocheting, cross-stitching, crewel, embroidery, needlepoint, or even mending, please come and meet our group on Friday mornings. Call Loretta Espey (235-3518) or Dot Franco (237-9190) if you



Bridge News

By Danny Phillips

The players in the Marathon Bridge here at the Tradition are continuing to turn in very good scores. The players meet new and interesting people who enjoy cards. All levels are welcome. Last year's winners have to be on the lookout for some tough play by those trying to post the best scores this year. Best of all everyone has fun. All of this culminates in a presentation at the awards event in June. Anyone who would like to participate in this event next year give Danny Phillips a call at 235-9338 for more information.

The Tradition Architectural

Review Board

By Danny Phillips

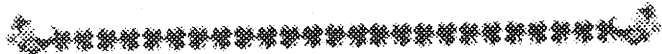
The ARB continues to approve screened porches and additions. Soon every home will have its own Jacuzzi or sun room. I am sure the look of the community has been enhanced by these additions. We welcome all plans to improve the homes' exteriors and the owners enjoyment of their homes.

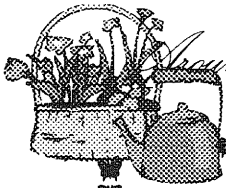
We would like to remind every one to please check with an ARB member whenever you consider any project outside your home. A quick phone call can save you time and money.

Spring is coming and the dead tree issue will again be of concern. If you have a dead tree please remember you need to have it removed before it causes you or your neighbor any damages. Just give any member of the ARB a call.

- Danny Phillips 235-9338
- Lou Pasculli 235-8007
- Mac McDonald 235-3534
- Jack Seibert 237-9785

Anyone willing to serve on the ARB should call one of the members or speak to a member of the Board of Directors. A new year will be starting shortly. We need more help. Please consider volunteering; your community needs new volunteers to promote new ideas and give the other folks a break.





The Tradition Garden Club News

By Loretta Espoy President

All residents of Tradition are cordially invited to attend our monthly meetings that are held at the Residents' Clubhouse. If you have houseguests, bring them along! The social half-hour begins at 9:00 am and our featured speakers begin at 9:30.

We have some great programs coming up:

- *February 11* – Blossom Pot Nursery will do a program on Container Gardening
- *March 11* – Frank and Rita VanLenten, of the Virginia Rose Society will do a presentation.
- *April 8* – Tour and wine tasting at the La Belle Amie Winery, followed by lunch at the Carolina Roadhouse
- *May 13* – Installation of Officers Luncheon at Austin's Restaurant.

Please join us for these fun and informative events. We look forward to seeing you!



Scrapbooking

Are your old photos fading and sticking to their plastic coverings? Do you have loose photos that need to go in albums, but you just don't have the time or inclination? Come join us for an overview of Scrapbooking presented by Kathie Scheffing of Creative Memories.

Scrapbooking utilizes acid free materials to insure the longevity of your photos. Scrapbookers meet in CROP sessions to work on their projects together and receive expert advice from the Creative Memories rep (Kathie) and support from other scrapbookers.

We will have an introductory meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 13, at the pool house to see and hear what scrapbooking can do for us. We'll have some snacks, too. The first meeting will last approximately 1 1/2 hours. Then on Thursday, February 27, we will have our first CROP session from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., also at the pool house (bring a bag lunch). Questions? Call Patty Mitchell at 237-5276. Better yet, let Kathie answer your questions on February 13. See you there!



Gourmet Dinners



The *Gourmet Diner's Club* is up and running. Our second dinner was on January 15. Our theme was *Hungarian Rhapsody*. Our dinners are every other month on the second Wednesday. The March theme will be *Springtime in Paris*. Everyone is welcome to join this exciting new group. It gives us all a chance to try new foods and meet new people. Singles are welcome. New membership will be suspended after the March dinner and will open again in the fall.

If you have any interest in joining such a group, contact Dot Franco, 237-9190.

♣	LADIES BRIDGE		♦
S O C I A L	Wednesdays 12:30 – 4:30 PM		F U N
	Pool Club House		
	Weekly Sign-up	All Levels	
	For more information call Jane Reynolds 235-2023		
♥	SNACKS	DRINKS	♠



Ladies 18 Hole Golf League

By Betty Ruff

2002 Club Championship Tournament

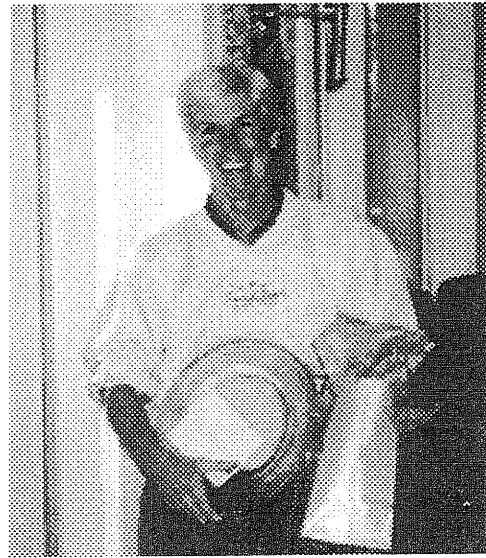
After four Thursdays in October, our club champion plus Flight B, C and D winners were decided.

Flight A Club Champion: **Joan Sheldon** over **Pat D'Amato**.

Flight B: **Bobbi Fleiss** over **April Kuruc**.

Flight C: **Genie Burg** over **Betty Ruff**.

Flight D: **Mary Ann Keller** over **Audrey Baker**.



Joan Sheldon—Ladies League Champion

Annual Awards Luncheon

The luncheon was held on December 4 at Kimbels Restaurant, Wachesaw Plantation. We were served a wonderful lunch, had a surprise visit from Santa Claus (alias Harry Stewart), and all received a TGLA cookbook, comprised of recipes from all members and compiled by Gail McLaughlin and Bobbi Fleiss.

After lunch the awards were presented by the board:
Individual low gross, overall low gross, and overall low net: **Joan Sheldon**.

Individual low net: **Bobbi Fleiss**.

Most improved player: **Donna Culver**.

First time broke 100: **Dot Ellison**.

First time broke 90: **Bobbi Fleiss**.

First time broke 80: **Joan Sheldon**.

Low putts/year: **Marge Yacullo**.

Ringer Board: Tie—**Genie Burg & Ginni Swenson**.

2003 TLGA Board

President: **Patsy Roberson**

1st Vice President: **April Kuruc**

2nd Vice President: **Gail McLaughlin**

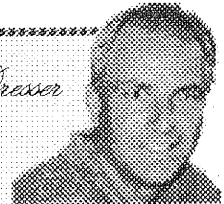
Secretary: **Suzanne Strasser**

Treasurer: **Pat Cocuzza**

Historian: **Betty Ruff**

Golf Tip by Steve Dresser

PGA Professional Director
Tradition Golf School



Here's the "Tip of the Month"

A Stronger Left Hand Grip Equals Stronger Shots.

If you're suffering from a lack of zip in your shots, it might help if you strengthen the position of your left hand on the club. Many tour players hold the club in a stronger position today than they did 20 years ago. A stronger left hand means holding the club more in the fingers and getting the handle under the heel pad. The thumb will be right of center on the shaft and 3 knuckles will be visible as you look down at your hands from your set up position. Doing this should allow your thumb to support the club at the top of the back swing and encourage your hands, wrists and arms to "release" the club through impact. A word of warning, you can overdo this and hit low hooks, but don't be afraid to experiment a bit. If you need a little help with this, stop by the golf school and I'll show you what I mean. Good Luck.

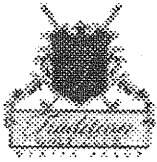


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Anyone interested in learning to play

Contact Lynn Autorino 237-7745





Tradition Golf Club

By Robert Spangler

Dear Members & Community,

Well another year has passed at The Tradition and I feel it went very well. The course remains in very good condition considering some of the severe cold temperatures for this area. I think everyone realizes we have one of the best superintendents in the area. The course consistently stays in good shape and you ride the fairways here more than any other course in the area. We still are having problems with our handicap flag program. Some of the areas should not be ridden by the carts. In the future we are going to have to go to a program where you must have a disabled card to show the course to be eligible for the flag. I would rather not do this but if we continue abusing the privilege, we will have to.

Well, with the new year we have a new set of officers in our ladies and men's associations. I would just like to say it was a great pleasure working with the past officers and I feel rest assured the new "crew" will be just the same pleasure.

I want to clear up a little neighborhood gossip about the membership. I think there are some concerns about "outsiders" coming into the membership. Just a little update on that. Yes, we are. I have offered a non-resident membership for the past two years. This membership costs a little more, but offers the same rules and regulations. In two years we have signed up **two memberships**. We also have five members grandfathered in from the beginning. That's right, they were some of our first members seven years ago. So for the rumor of the 40-50 "outsiders" who have joined, it is not true. All the memberships have to come through me for approval. We are very comfortable with our membership level. We are a public course and it wouldn't be fair to the course nor the membership to offer many more than we already have.

Be patient the warm weather is coming.



Ladies Nine Hole Golf League

The Ladies Nine Holers held their annual Christmas/Awards Luncheon on December 18th at the Hot Fish Club. **Claudia Krauth**, outgoing Chairperson, was shown appreciation for her leadership throughout the year. Many awards were presented: Most Improved Player was awarded to **Betsy Beyma**. Low Gross was a tie between **Daune Barksdale** and **Donna Chase**. Low Putts: **Grace Davis**. Most Pars: **Daune Barksdale**. Most Chip Ins: **Joanne Kendall**. Most games played: **Grace Davis**. Ringer Board: **Elaine Kronski**. In addition, 27 par pins were awarded, 19 chip in pins, and 9 birdie pins. A delicious lunch and a good time were enjoyed by all.

The League plays every Tuesday. The sign up sheet is on the Bulletin Board at the Golf Club-house in the members' room.

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Tradition Gold Tee Nine-Hole Association

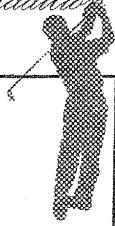
This group is composed of a great bunch of guys who play golf on Wednesdays. Their primary purpose is to have fun, enjoy good fellowship and improve their golfing skills. Players of all handicaps are welcome. Contact Bill Huish at 237-5631 if you are interested in joining us.

On the evening of December 5th, the men enjoyed their annual Holiday Party. Dinner was prepared by Chef Lou Fossi and staff, Bob Thompson, Jim Conway, Ed Rice, Tom Bowen, Jack Starrick, Vinny Esposito, Bill Kendall, and Armand Cocuzza. A wonderful Italian dinner was served. The menu consisted of shrimp cocktail, homemade Italian sausage, ziti, salad, Porchetta, and New York cheese cake for dessert. These dishes were accompanied by some delicious wines. Paul Kelly and John Palazzo gave a holiday gift to each member. The gift consisted of a ball marker, a golf tee and a used golf ball.

The Spring Party is scheduled for March 6th.

Check out our web site at:

<http://www.qualitykid.com/goldtees.htm>



Tradition Men's Club By Harry Stewart

HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB

The Men's Club will add two names to this exclusive club. Tom Swanson "aced" number 12 for his second hole-in-one in sixteen months!!! Tom's feat was witnessed by his son, Rob, and two players visiting from England. It took Tom over 45 years to record his first "ace" but he certainly is on a roll we all would love.

The second new Hole-In-One Club member is Kurt Fuller. Kurt "aced" hole number two while playing in a foursome with Vinnie Esposito, Rich Becker and Armand Cocuzza. Kurt has only been playing for five years so he is way ahead of the game. Congratulations to Tom and Kurt on their outstanding shots. Men's Club member, Craig Monahan "aced" the 140 yard #15 hole at Indigo Creek Golf Club on December 7th 2002. This was Craig's third hole-in-one !!! Great shot Craig.

2002 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Les Cox is this years selection for the sportsmanship award. Les is always available when called on by the Men's Club. The various committees know they can call on him for help when needed. Les always "plays by the rules" and is an example for players of all abilities.

2002 PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This year there are two recipients of the President's Award. Martin Robic and Kevin Fenlon. For the year 2002, Martin was acting treasurer for the Men's Club. Each Monday Martin is responsible for collecting all fees and making sure each player is signed in and ready to go. No small task when we have 60/ 70 players going out. Martin is responsible for the Men's Club checking account and financial report.

Kevin has been with the Men's Club since it started in 1996. Kevin helps out at the sign in table each week. Kevin also helps out with the various games and payout on various pools assisting Martin and John Palazzo. These two men have a lot to do with the success of the Tradition Men's Club.

2002 MASTERS TOURNAMENT

This years winner of the Master's Tournament was Allan MacDonald. This first year tournament was a two round, modified Stableford points format. Congratulations to Allan on his victory.

First Place – Allan MacDonald, Second Place Tie – Bill Prizio and Vinnie Esposito, Third Place – Bun Smith, Fourth Place Tie - Charlie Malara, Logan Wilton, Dick Hajec

2002 CHRISTMAS PARTY

A wonderful evening for 75 partygoers this year. Great food and a great time was had by all. Tyler's Cove again did an outstanding job of furnishing the food and drink. Music was by D.J. Dennis Murphy.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the newest members to the Tradition Men's Club: Ed Sheldon, Don McDowell, and Craig Monahan.

2003 TRADITION MEN'S CLUB BOARD MEMBERS

Vince Franco – President, Tom Strasser – Past President, Jim Conway - Vice President Games, Kevin Fenlon – Assistant Vice President Games, Armand Cocuzza – Treasurer, Bill Renault – Secretary (Returning), Kelly McLaughlin – Vice President Invitations (Returning), Allan MacDonald – Rules Chairman, Jim Massie - Special Events Chairman, Ron Mokrynka - Handicap Chairman, Steve Kronski - Social Chairman, Gene Brush - Open Tournaments/Travel Chairman

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Building and Grounds Committee By Walt Murren

By the time this newsletter is delivered I will have completed two years as chairman of the Building & Grounds Committee. It has been a rewarding experience for me not only because I was able to give some of my time to this wonderful community in which we live, but because in doing so I have come in contact with and worked with so many good people from the community.

The past two years have been very busy. During this period we took over the control of our common properties from Centex. Before Centex left, the Board of Directors and Building & Grounds were able to get them to replace many broken curbs and sinkholes in the storm sewer system. The open spaces were not in good shape and required the installation of nine irrigation systems and the upgrade of another. Sod had to be placed on all the areas and plants placed around the irrigation pumps. The reserves to cover the future cost of repairing or replacing our roads, buildings and other facilities had to be updated to insure that funds would be available when needed. The back pond was dredged and improvements to the storm sewer system were made. The front fountain was rebuilt and a new fountain installed in the back pond. A gate was constructed at the entrance to the back pump station to soften the view. Bricks were placed around all our signposts to protect them and then they were cleaned and painted. The clubhouse furniture was reupholstered and card table chairs have been replaced. New doors were installed on each side of the clubhouse and the roof extended to protect them.

Many people have been involved in these projects and more. Monitoring irrigation systems, repairing sprinkler heads, maintaining the fountains, repairing tennis courts, painting signs, planting flowers, and changing light bulbs. The list goes on and on. Help is always welcome.

I will be stepping down as Chairman as of February 1st. I will continue on as a member of the committee as there are still projects I would like to see completed. The committee lost a valuable member recently with the resignation of Howard Krauth. There was no one involved in more of these projects than Howard. My heartfelt thanks for all he has done. Ron Brugge is returning to the committee after a term on the Board of Directors and will be the new Chairman. His knowledge of the community is unequalled and he is dedicated to keeping this a great place to live. All the members of the committee welcome him back and look forward to working with him.

Willbrook Road Maintenance District By Dick Allright

The Road District is still awaiting the County's final acceptance of responsibility for the road surface maintenance. One delay is the discussion between the County and Litchfield Co. (not the Road District) with regard to responsibility for St. Paul Place, which runs by the Fire House to the Methodist Church. At issue is responsibility for the road if the County approves an extension and connection of St. Paul's Place to the Exchange and BI-LO property. Final disposition is contingent on approval of the connection.

A few "pot holes" have developed and will be filled as soon as we get a break in the weather.

For the 2003 Budget expected revenues are \$147,000, operating, repair and electrical expenses \$132,000 and reserves for capital improvements \$15,000. Accrued reserves to date are \$46,500.

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is now available on the Tradition Community web site <http://www.qualitykid.com/index.htm>. It is a PDF file that you can open with Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you don't have Acrobat Reader, you can download it for free from the Adobe website. Once you have the electronic copy, you can view it on your monitor in color and/or print it out.



Your Community Needs Your Help By Ron Belbutowski

As your president of the Board of Directors, I am writing a "guest columnist" letter on behalf of the Social Committee. Some of you are aware that all of our previous Social Committee members have resigned. So it is time to "pass the torch" to a new set of volunteers. By means of this newsletter article, I am asking our residents who can volunteer to work on social events to call and advise me about your availability.

The vision I have for our reconstituted Social Committee is to distribute the necessary work among a reasonably large group of volunteers. We can do that by asking one or two couples to take ownership of and make the necessary arrangements for some activities which deserve to be carried on during 2003.

We need someone to accept the responsibility for obtaining advertisers for our quarterly newsletter, and for coordinating that activity with our editors Vince and Dot Franco. We need volunteers to make arrangements for our bingo night (or nights) at the pool clubhouse. We need volunteers to step up to the plate to handle our traditional summer luau. We need volunteers to decide on an autumn activity, and solicit your ideas for same. We need neighbors who haven't previously been active to become activists, and to propose activities that we have not previously sponsored.

When we have volunteers, sometime soon after our annual property owners meeting on February 20th, we will have a meeting to formalize the new Social Committee. I hope you will call your president to volunteer. If your president calls you I hope you will say yes to helping to carry on our deserved reputation of being an active and social community.

I think you will be very pleased, and maybe even surprised, to find out first hand how much fun it is to interact with your neighbors in planning and enjoying our opportunities to socialize with community members.

You can reach me at 235-3819 to let me know how you can help!

Friday Night Bridge News *By Danny Phillips*

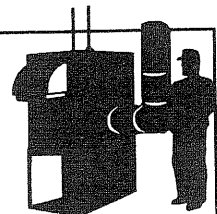
Friday Night Bridge continues to be a delightful evening of fun. So if you have an interest in bridge and enjoy the company of card playing folks, this could be for you. We meet on the **last Friday of the month** at the Pool Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. Bring a little snack and something to drink if you wish. Very congenial players welcome all for an evening of fun.



"The Pawleys Island Chapter of National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Litchfield Country Club. Luncheon is served at Noon. For more information, please send e-mail to retloper@att.net or call Don Loper at 215-4236."

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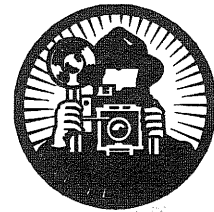
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