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## ACTIVITIES

Aerobics-Joanne Stewart 237-1305 or Carolyn Gardner 237-3991
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Women's Bible Study-Loretta Espey 235-3518 or Connie Hazard 237-7728
Book Exchange-Veronica Bucello 237-7334
Bridge (Ladies)-Elsie Siebert 235-8429 or Suzie Albright 237-1594
Bridge (Marathon)-Danny Phillips 235-9338
Bridge (Men)-Norm Nuding 237-2275
Garden Club-Pat Crimmins 235-6462
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)-
Gail McLaughlin 237-1823
Golf-9 holes(Women)-Claudia Krauth 237-7544
Gourmet Diners Club-
Celise McLaughlin-235-8532
Kid's Club-Jennifer Kaylor 237-7179
Mah Jongg-Lynn Autorino 237-7745
Needleworkers-Loretta Espey 235-3518
Poker (Men)-Vinny Autorino 237-7745 or Paul Kelly 237-1898
Telephone Directory-David Toelkes 235-2023
Tennis (Men)-John Hoover 235-0261
Tennis (Women)-Dale Gambrell 237-3556
Water Aerobics-Juanita Moore 235-2342

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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

On November $12^{\text {th }}$ The Tradition held its Wine \& Cheese Dance at the Residents Clubhouse. The forty residents attending the event sampled 20 varieties of wine, cheeses and desserts. They danced to the live music of "Jack B and She".

Pat D'Amato won \$45 in the 50/50 raffle. Mel Tillling won a bottle of Merlot.

A BIG thank you to all who helped in making this dance a success.

Another event is planned for the near future.

BINGO is on hold for the immediate future.

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Buildings \& Grounds/Pool/Tennis Courts
Bob Brown at rfbrownsr@aol.com
Social-Harry Stewart 237-1305
Clubhouse-Martin Robic 237-8745
Covenants Committee
Jeanette Renault 235-3566

## Architectural Review Board

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The Board of Directors (BOD) and I hope everyone enjoyed a Merry Christmas, a happy Hanukah and a happy New Year. I want to thank Regina Wichrowski and her elves who decorated the association's common properties. I also noticed many more homes than in past years decorated with lights, wreaths, ornaments, etc. Thanks for a great job everyone.

2005 was an excellent year for the association. Many projects were accomplished, most notably, the resurfacing of the entrance side of the bridge, the tennis courts and the spring and fall plantings. The bridge and tennis court work was needed before we reached a point of total reconstruction. The new landscaping architect was instructed to add color to the community. While the spring planting was upgraded, we may have slightly over planted. We have adjusted the fall plantings and are receiving positive feedback. You will have to attend the annual home owners meeting to hear of the other 2005 activities.

All of the work mentioned above and much more not mentioned in this article has been managed by our Building and Grounds Manager. After two years of hard work and conscientious performance, Howard Krauth has decided to enjoy his family and retirement. What must he be thinking? The BOD cannot thank Howard enough for all the great work and the money he has saved the community. Howard has maintained the Tradition Common Property as though it was his own back yard. If you see Howard and his wife Claudia around the campus, please say hello and thanks.

The BOD has hired Bob Brown as its new B \& G Manager. Bob has been a resident of Tradition for 6 years. The BOD feels Bob will carry on the tradition, no pun intended, which Howard has set for this very important position.

The BOD, Howard Krauth, Bob Brown and Dave Philips have all spent a great deal of time and energy with engineers discussing our streets and drainage systems. There is a great deal of work planned for 2006. We have contracted, after completing an outside engineering study, to begin seal coating approximately one third of our older streets. We also will be spending money to cure the drainage problems on Historic Lane and at our front entrance. This will again require the patience of residents living in areas of construction. Additional information will be forthcoming at the February meeting.

The BOD would also like to pay tribute to Martin Robic a current Board Director and the manager of our club house. Martin is also retiring after many years of volunteering his time and energy to the community through various functions and positions. I would ask that you also say hello and thanks to Martin and his wife, Mary Grace.

The Annual Property Owners meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:00 P.M., in the Coastal Carolina University building at the end of Willbrook Blvd. across from the Fire Station. There will be much more to discuss, so please plan to attend.

I hope by now everyone has noticed that the 2006 Regime Fees have remained the same $\$ 48.00$ as 2005 . This is a result of the hard work of our B \& G committee and the BOD.

There are two open Director's seats for 2006, Martin Robic's and myself. You will see my name as running again and that of Tom Ellison. It is very import that all property owners sign and return the proxy card that you will receive in the mail. We must have a $50 \%$ reply (Quorum) to the proxy cards or we will be forced to perform an additional mailing and incur additional charges to the association. Please mail the card immediately so that you do not forget.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members for their hard work and support. Thanks Bill, Ginni, Harry and Martin. See you all at the meeting.

## COVENANTS COMMITTEE

By Jeanette Renault

Winter's dormant lawns with irrigation systems turned off give us relief from rust problems. Before spring comes around, a thought for those who have continuous rust problems (in spite of chemical irrigation systems). One solution is to purchase a separate water meter from Georgetown County for outside use. It is expensive, around $\$ 1000$, but water for outside use is less expensive (no sewer charge), and there is no rust problem. This offer may not continue indefinitely, as servicing the growing population is straining the Water Dept.

Some subjects of concern:

1. Do-it-yourself concrete sealers are not recommended. These coatings can turn dark; also can be slippery.
2. Overnight parking - a covenant violation. The Board has determined that overnight parking is measured by "dusk to dawn". If parking overnight, please pull cars into driveway.
3. Numbers on both sides of the mailbox (Fire Dept. request)
4. Mailbox disrepair. Please check over your mailbox. We have information on repair and paint formula.

HELP: We need two new volunteers on the Covenants Committee. Before you say no, please read on. We have a one hour meeting once a month. There are 8 areas, no one is overloaded; you are not assigned where you live. Twice a month look over your area; send a gentle reminder to residents in violation, and these are few. If problems persist, the management company takes care of the violations. This is an important way to serve your community by giving a minimum amount of your time. Please call 235-3566.

Lastly, we have had many, many successes, and thank all who have so promptly and graciously answered requests. Together we are helping The Tradition remain a beautiful and desirable community, and are keeping those property values high!

Jeanette Renault
Betsy Beyma
Ken Dewell
Tom Ellison

Phil Fleiss
Jim Lewis
Allan Mac Donald
Ron Farley

# Building and Grounds 

By Bob Brown

My name is Bob Brown. On January 1, 2006 I assumed the position of Building \& Grounds Manager. I reside at 289 Sandfiddler Drive and my phone number is 235-0762.

I had no idea how much was involved in maintaining our community until I started spending time with Howard Krauth, the previous manager, (have you noticed the smile on his face?), and his committee: Walt Murren, Bob Thompson, Jim Conway, Dave Phillips, and Tom Ellison. They are to be commended for their efforts. They have done much of the work themselves, saving the association a tremendous amount of money. This has kept our HOA fees down.

The volunteers that look after the sprinkler systems and fountains in our common areas also need to be recognized. They are, Tom Ellison Dan Coughlin, Bob Thompson, Tom Maguire, Charles Olnhausen, Jim Parker, Tom Shaw, Jim Davis, and Marion Culpepper.

To continue our efforts to maintain and improve our community, with the goal being to keep our HOA fees low, we need to do as much of the work as we can ourselves. In order to do this, we need volunteers. If interested, give your e-mail address to Vince Franco so he can keep you advised of upcoming projects, pool opening, spring cleaning, etc., or you can attend the monthly Building and Grounds meeting which is held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Residents' Clubhouse.

All the signage posts have recently been painted. We eventually want to put a protective material around the bottom of the posts. Until then, would those of you that have posts in front of your residences, and maintain the grass around them, please try to avoid hitting the bottoms with your mowers and weed whackers. If you have a lawn service, please ask them to do the same.

We are undertaking a large project this year. A seal coat is going to be applied to approximately one third of our roads. This is being done to preserve the life of our streets. Another third will be done in 2007, and the last third in 2008. This project will require the cooperation of everyone. More on this will be covered in detail at the annual Homeowners meeting in February.

In closing, I ask that you call me if you see anything in the community that looks as if it is in need of repair, such as irrigation malfunctions, property damage, swimming pool \& clubhouse conditions, etc.
This will enable us to correct the problem as quickly as possible.

## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Just a reminder to everyone that as of the first of the year, we are applying a $\$ 25$ refundable fee to all permits that do not require a fee charge. The refund will be in the form of the check you give us that we will not cash for the life of the permit.

Also please remember that some time is required for the issuance of a permit. Usually a minimum of 2 weeks but depending when the meeting is, it could be 4 weeks. Thanks.

## KNOW YOUR NUMBER

It is estimated that 50 million Americans have high blood pressure (HBP). Half of this group is unaware of it. Of the half that is aware, only half of them are treated and controlled. Thus, only one quarter of the people with HBP have it adequately controlled.

HBP is a treatable disease. Pharmaceutical research led to the development of many safe and effective drugs to treat and control it. Your physician has many drugs to choose from to fit individual situations.

Ideal blood pressure is generally thought to be 120/80. That is, 120 systolic" pressure over 80 diastolic pressure. HBP is thought to exist when the systolic pressure is over 140 and the diastolic pressure is over 90. A true determination of HBP is made from multiple pressure readings while at rest.

For years, many physicians accepted that if the diastolic pressure was normal, there might have been no reason for much concern if the systolic pressure was elevated.

Several authoritative organizations, the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, the National Institute of Health, and the American Heart Association, had been paying much more attention, especially in older people, to the first (systolic pressure) number. If found to be high, they recommend "aggressive" treatment.

The problem is that while HBP rarely appears on a death certificate, it may indeed be the leading cause of death. This is due to the excessive pressure on the blood vessel walls and the extra workload on the heart. HBP is called the "Silent Killer" because symptoms may not appear until damage occurs. The damage may lead to heart attacks, congestive heart failure, strokes, kidney failure, blindness, and dementia.

It is recommended that you have your blood pressure checked at least once per year, preferably several times per year.

An idea of your situation can be determined by use of the blood pressure machines found in many drug stores. However, if not calibrated properly, they may be a little off. A good choice would be the ones found in the main lobbies of the Georgetown and Waccamaw Hospitals. Another source is the purchase of a blood pressure cuff to gauge your pressure at home. Also, a group from Georgetown Memorial Hospital holds a health fair at the Inlet Square Mall in Murrells Inlet every Thursday from 10 AM until 2 PM where they offer a free blood pressure check, in addition to other health checks. Pay these folks a visit; you have everything to gain.

## By Frank Walsh, a retired pharmacist and Tradition resident.



Ah, winter is just about over, and we are already half-way through another Tradition Garden Club year. True to its reputation, the TGC has delighted its members with informative and fun programs featuring speakers on topics such as landscaping, Bonsai, palms-even cooking!! The balance of our year will include programs on birds and lkebana. Of course springtime is always a highlight with the field trip, which this year will take us to Middleton Place on the Ashley River, Charleston. We'll close with our luncheon on May gth.

Our many thanks go to Meg Maguire and Lori Doherty for the splendid Tradition Garden Club Christmas Tree for the Hospice Festival of Trees in December. I know all who saw the tree on display before the auction in Georgetown know what a real work of art if was.

Thanks are also due to all of our Christmas-spirited residents who pitched in and helped decorate the Tradition Community so beautifully. We were all under the guidance of Regina Wichrowski and ended up looking truly festive-even with the lack of SNOW!

It's never too Late to join the Tradition Garden Club-men and women alike. We meet the second Tuesday of each month (September through April) at the Residents' Club House at 9:00 AM. Hope to see you.


## TRADITION LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION By Maureen Lempert

The TLGA Club Championship, our final tournament of the year, was played over two days (October 13 and 20, 2005). We are proud of the following winners as well as all who participated:

Club Champion

- Pat D'Amato

Flight B
Flight $C$

- Debbie Massie

Flight D
Flight $E$

- Meg Maguire
- Ginni Swenson
- Dottie Kelly.


Thanks to Suzanne Connell and her committee for a job well done. Congratulations to all!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Our annual Awards Luncheon was held at Austin's on December 8, 2005. Members were recognized for their individual achievements throughout the year as follows:
MILESTONES (all achieved during League events)

## FIRST BIRDIES

Sandy Blais, Veronica Bucello, Pat Cocuzza, Elma DiMona, Joanne Foster, Judy Gambeski, Pat Kemper, Meg Maguire, Celise McLaughlin, Penny Pikaart, Marge Yacullo FIRST EAGLE: Joan Sheldon (\#14 - scared the gator in the pond!!!)
BROKE 100: Suzanne Connell, Donna Culver, Faye Donovan, Dani Jennings, Linda Lehmann, Kathy MacSorley, Meg Maguire, Jean McElroy, Penny Pikaart, Ginni Swenson BROKE 90: Linda Lehmann
BROKE 80: Pat D'Amato
The following individual awards were also presented:
Joan Sheldon: Low Gross (76), Overall Low Gross (81.5), Low Putts (27) and most birdies (27) - Joan needed a U-Haul to bring home her awards!!!!

Pat D'Amato: Overall Low Net (73)
LOW NET SCORE DURING THE YEAR (tied with 64):
Dot Ellison, Clare Kelly and Maureen Lempert
RINGER BOARD:
Red Tees: Pat D'Amato and Joan Sheldon (tied with 64)
Blue Tees: Pat Cocuzza (79)
MOST IMPROVED GOLFER:
Donna Culver (improved by 4.1 strokes, from 29.6 to 25.5)
ROSEMARY GALLAGHER SPIRIT AWARD: Maureen Lempert
The ambience was great, the food wonderful and the company awesome. Thanks to Gail Lee and her Committee for a fabulous celebration!!!!!

## NINE HOLE LADIES

By Jeanette Renault

The new year started on 11/1/05 for the Ladies Nine Holers. New slate of officers are: Claudia Krauth, Chairman; Sue Guzlas, Vice Chairman; Jeanette Renault, Secretary; Pat Bowen; Treasurer; Theresa Mishik, Social Chairman.

Come Join us! We play every Tuesday and have all levels of golfers: Beginners (have no fear, you are welcome here), players who want to sharpen their game, seasoned players who want to enjoy a relaxed game with friends. If any of these categories fit, the Nine Holers are for you! Please visit our website for more information: qualitykid.com/ tradition_ladies_nine.htm

Recently the following Nine Holers participated in an inter-club match at Wachesaw: Dot Franco, Skippy Esposito, Sue Guzlas, Theresa Mishik, Kathleen Ross, Phyllis Confer, Pat Bowen, Bonnie Eaglin, Claudia Krauth and Barbara Cardea. Some upcoming events under consideration are "Bring a Guest to Golf", Nine Hole Tournaments with other golf groups, a tournament with the 18 Holers. Events will be publicized well in advance and sign up sheets will be in the Members' room. "Game Day" is once a month.

All who attended the seminar on Dec. 6 hosted by Darrell had our knowledge of rules and etiquette practices refreshed - and learned some things of which we were not aware. Now we can make knowledgeable decisions while playing and not be distracted by "what is the rule?"


## GOURMET DINERS CLUB "Cruising the Mediterranean"

2006 brings the Gourmet Diners' Club to new and exciting ports on the Mediterranean cruise. On January $18^{\text {th }}$ seventy members of the Tradition Community embarked upon a virtual tour of the Greek Islands where they feasted on SOUVLAKI (a Pork Tenderloin Kebab) accompanied by lemon rice, Kaseri cheese and olive biscuits and baked figs for dessert. You had better brush up on your Italian! March $8^{\text {th }}$ we arrive in Palermo, Sicily for a fantastico dinner of Sicilian, Northern and Southern Italian cuisine. Bon Appetit.

The Gourmet Diner's Club is open to all residents of the Tradition Community. Do you like to eat? Entertain? Meet new people? Minimal cooking skills required. Hop on board, Sicily and Spain await your arrival.

For more information contact Celise McLaughlin 235-8532 or Sue Guzlas 235-3006 or visit our website at: http://qualitykid.com/Gourmet.htm

## MEALS ON WHEELS

For those who are in need, some of the residents will provide meals as needed in case of surgery, illness, etc. Contact Claudia Krauth @ 237-7544.

## TRADITION MEN'S GOLF CLUB NEWS By Steve Kronski

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Harry Stewart for his efforts these last few years on behalf of the Men's Club. His shoes will be hard to fill but l'll try. Much has happened in the Tradition's Men's Golf Club since the last issue so here goes:

Club Championships: After some spirited competition, with a dash of controversy thrown in to spice things up a bit, our Championships took place in September and early October. After two qualifying rounds the participants were divided into flights for match play to determine our champions.

The Championship Flight, played at scratch, was won by Ron Mokrynka in a match over second place finisher; Jim McKay. Third place was decided by a match with Bud Knittel in a decision over Allan MacDonald.

In the "A" flight, Roger Hart defeated Wes Benefield to win the flight while Dick Hajec and Frank D'Amato rounded out the final four.

In the "B" flight, Rich Peterson came out on top, followed by Marion Culpepper, Ernie Sementilli and Howard Krauth.

Lastly, the results of the " $C$ " flight were: 1st-Tom Maquire, 2nd- Harry Hunt, 3rdRich Becker and 4th- Vinnie Autorino

Congratulations to all.
TMGC Members Autumn Dinner: On October 27 Master Chefs Ed Sheldon and Harry Hunt led a group of volunteers in preparing a succulent feast held at Founders Hall. Over 50 pounds of shrimp (and an inconceivable amount of adult beverages) were consumed prior to the main course, which consisted of their award winning stuffed loin of pork along with salad, potatoes et al and followed by the ever popular cheesecake.

Special thanks are in order to assistant chefs/wait staff: Bill Kendall, Vinnie Esposito, Dave Delaney, Ernie Sementilli, Jack Ross, Jim Conway, Bob Thompson, John McLaughlin and Jack Starrick.

From the length and breadth of the list of helpers it becomes apparent that some serious imbibing took place prior to dinner being served and that Harry and Ed had plenty of help although Mr. Hunt seemed to be doing quite well with that large bottle of Cognac all by himself.

A special thanks goes to Jim Conway for organizing the putting and trivia contests as well as the obligatory $50 / 50$.

To quote Mr. Lawrence Welk: "thank you boyz"
The Great Turkey Shootout: after a week's delay due to rain, the Shootout went off without a hitch on Sunday, December 4th. This followed the November 27th party/dance where a good time was had by all: great food, good company, a little adult liquid refreshment and some spirited wagering along with some good old-fashioned slow dancing to the oldies.

The first two-man team eliminated, and winners of the "First Out" pool were Jim Massie and Ron Eaglin. Play proceeded with one team being eliminated on each hole until approaching darkness created the need to eliminate two teams on hole \#7. As a result Ron Brugge and Tom Swanson earned 4th place honors with Bill Renault and teammate Craig Monaghan cashing in with a 3rd place finish.

Play continued with both remaining teams tying on \#8. Then, on \#9, with daylight quickly fading away, Jim Conway holed a twenty-two foot birdie putt for the win for Jim and his partner, Charlie Malara, erasing the memory of their early tournament exit in 2004's event. Finishing in 2nd place was the team of Tom Cardea and Larry Barksdale.

Overall play was outstanding throughout the event, as witnessed by a huge crowd of excited spectators, with a total of eleven net birdies and two net eagles during the competition.

Special thanks to Darrel Childers and his staff at the Tradition Club and our Marshals: Vinnie Esposito, Vince Franco, Jack Ross, Dick Pacella, Ed Sheldon, Bill Kendall and Pete Mohan. Congratulations to all.

Annual TMGC Christmas Party: This year's gala was held at Kimbels restaurant at Wachesaw Plantation. The decision to try a new venue proved to be an excellent decision on the part of our Social Committee Chairman, Charles Malara. The night proved to be both elegant and very comfortable. Only a true Grinch could have had anything less than a great evening.

Chuck and his assistants, Ed Sheldon and Jerry Bucello, did a wonderful job planning the menu and the entire night. The food was terrific. Latitude (our new neighbors, Tom \& Michelle Becker) managed to keep us all well entertained and dancing with their exciting and varied musical style: a few Holiday tunes and some oldies to mellow the crowd and some beach music to complete the mix.

Harry Hunt and Ed Sheldon received the 2005 President's Award for their outstanding service to the club.

This will again be a hard night to top next year but l'm sure the committee will find a way to make 2006 even better. (How's that for pressure???)

Election of Officers: The 2006 Officers were elected at the November 14 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ meeting. The officers are Vince Franco - President, Ron Mokrynka and Tom Swanson - VP Games, Steve Kronski - VP Tournaments, Bill Renault - Secretary, and Jim Conway - Treasurer.

Farewell to Darrell Childers: Early in December Darrell let it be known that he is moving on to another position with Wicked Stick. We wish him well in his new endeavor, and we thank him for the cooperation he has shown our Men's Club. He will be missed.

Upcoming Events: As the old year ends, the new begins. We look forward to another great season of golf and activities. Keep you eyes out for our new schedule with the first Major Event being the Memorial Masters in April followed by the Black Tee Tournament in May and the Member/Member in June.

Men's Club thought of the day: What would a chair look like if our knees bent the other way??? Please submit your drawings ASAP to Mr. Franco.

Thanks.

## WALK AND TALK

By Joanne Stewart

The Walk and Talk group meets at the Residents' Clubhouse on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 AM and walks for approximately one hour. If weather does not permit, we do low impact aerobics inside the Clubhouse.

It's a great way to meet new people, move that body and have fun. Give it a try! Any questions, call Joanne Stewart @ 237-1305 or Carolyn Gardner @ 237-3991.

## TRADITION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2006

Frank D'Amato, President. . . . . . . . . . . 235-8885
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Bill Renault, Treasurer . . . . . . . . . . . . . 235-3566
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Harry Stewart, Secretary .......... . . 237-1305
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Gone But Not Forgotten
The widows of the deceased members of the Tradition Men's Golf Club at the dedication of the new Memorial Plaque on January 10, 2006.
From left: Olga Boyd, Christine Testa, Peg Spangler, Jane Barbour, Charlene Haupt, Linda Mendicino, Marge Yacullo, Pat Cocuzza, Ann Ruddell, Theresa Mishik

The Annual Gold Tee Christmas Party was held the Applewood restaurant on December $6^{\text {th }}$. This party included fine food and drink, gifts for all the members, and a trivia game that was won by Vinnie Esposito. Phil Fleiss was recognized as the Gold Tee Player of the Year and Chet Confer received the Most Improved Player award.


John Palazzo, our treasurer, passed away on December $21^{\text {st }}$. We lost a dear friend. John was the heart of the Gold Tees. He dedicated much of his life to the management of the Gold Tees Club. John along with Eddie Sheldon made all the arrangements for our Christmas party. John was also very active in the Tradition Men's Golf Club. We will miss his smile, warmth and colorful sayings.

John Boyd, another highly regarded member, passed away in December. He and John Palazzo were long time friends and had worked together in New York. John was a good golfer and well liked by all our members.

Each week, Bill Huish takes pictures of our winning teams. The pictures are then placed on our web site: http://qualitykid.com/GoldTees.htm

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

# The Tradition Resident's Mixed Golf Tour 



The Tradition Community Mixed Golf Tour celebrated an outstanding year in 2005 with golfing and dining events at more than 20 local golf courses including Grand Dunes, Pine Lakes and Wachesaw Plantation. The 2006 season opened on January I 3th at True Blue Plantation.

In December a survey was conducted to ask our participants which courses they want to play this year. The response was overwhelming! Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey forms. The Tour Board is reviewing the results and planning to schedule as many of the most desired courses as possible. Golf will be scheduled for one Friday each month and occasionally more often if opportunities arise. Look for emails or flyers announcing golfing events or visit the Mixed Golf Tour website at http://qualitykid.com/tour.htm. To get on email distribution, send your email address to cmclaughlin@sc.rr.com.

Golfing events are open to all Tradition community residents, and guests may be invited to join in your foursome. Players who sign up as singles or couples will be paired with other golfers. Sign up in the Tradition Club Members' room and make your checks payable to TCMGT.

When "The Tour" isn't traveling, come on out and play nine holes with the $X$-tour. The $X$-Tour plays at the Tradition Golf Club on Friday afternoons. Check for the sign up sheet in the Member's room or send an email to Nine-HoleX@aol.com to get on the distribution list.

## LADIES WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BRIDGE

The Ladies Bridge Group could use some new blood due to attrition, etc. Come join this fun group at the Clubhouse Wednesday afternoons and get to know some new friends and neighbors, we don't bite!!! We meet at the Clubhouse at 12:30, bring our own drinks and have a few laughs along the way until 4:00. Call Elsie Siebert at 235-8429 or Suzie Albright at 237-1594 and come on out to play. Prizes weekly.

FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT BRIDGE


First Friday night Bridge of Tradition will continue playing bridge at the Residents' clubhouse @ 7:00 PM. Each month we will sent out an e-mail to those who have given their addresses to Danny Phillips. The replies will help to know how many tables we will have playing. We can also call if you have not notified us of your e-mail.

Please come, join your friends and neighbors, and bring a snack if you wish and your drink of choice. We are looking forward to seeing you. Please call danny Phillips @ 235-9338 or E-mail Dphill413@aol.com to make your reservation.

## MARATHON BRIDGE

Marathon Bridge on the Waccamaw Neck has grown since 1999 from one section of 10 pairs of mixed players to 40 pairs of ladies and 10 couples. Marathon Bridge involves one pair hosting another pair to play 24 hands of Bridge each month September through May. The total scores are turned in to a central location where a running score is kept until the marathon is over. In June everyone will attend an event for the presentation of prizes. This format has been very popular, and we continue to grow. If you or someone you know might be interested next year, please call Danny Phillips @ 235-9338.

## TRADITION COUPLES MARATHON BRIDGE <br> 

This is a very enjoyable way of playing bridge and meeting new couples. Interested? Call Danny Phillips @ 235-9338.

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## VOLUNTEERS <br> THE HEART OF A COMMUNITY

Our appreciation and thanks go to the individuals pictured below who take care of our irrigation systems as well as the two ponds at the front and rear of the community!!!


Tom Ellison


Dan Coughlin


Jim Davis


Chuck Olnhausen


Bob Thompson


Tom Maguire


Jim Parker


Tom Shaw


Marion Culpepper

## TIP OF THE MONTH

## By Steve Dresser

## Lead With the Hands

One of the reasons tour plàyers hit their irons so far is they de-loft the club at impact by making sure the shaft leans toward the target at impact. Most weekend players add loft to their clubs by leaning the shaft away from the target and bending their left wrist at impact, usually during an ill - fated attempt to scoop the ball into the air. This is also a source of many topped and chunked shots which is why we refer to this as the "Killer Move" in our golf school.

To attain a "firmer" feel at impact, practice some very short shots with an 8 iron keeping the body very still on the back swing and following through to an abbreviated finish. Try to hold your finish. The club head should be low, the left wrist firm or flat with the handle of the club well past your left side. It's a little bit of a "punching" action similar to the swing used to getting the ball out of the trees!

The ball should pop off the face but with a low trajectory. After doing this a few times, go ahead and turn through to a full finish trying to sense that same firm feel at impact. This move will teach you to "trap" the ball with your irons, the way tour players do, because your hands will be ahead of the clubface and the shaft will be leaning forward at impact.

Generally, the more loft there is on the club, the more you want to position your hands ahead of the clubface. This also holds true if you have a poor lie.


