

TRADITION COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SPRING AND SUMMER EDITION 2019



Brookgreen Gardens—Photo by Sue Guzlas

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant."..— Anne Bradstreet

WELCOME

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Board Meetings Fourth Thursday
3:00 p.m. Resident's club house
(subject to change)



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Frank D'Amato

UPDATES: I would like to thank Brian Kramer for serving as our Treasurer for the last 3 years. Brian upgraded and improved our ability to review the financial report every month.

I want to welcome John McLaughlin to the board. John has been working on the ARB and also president of the Tradition Golf League. John is well known in the community and will be an asset to the board.

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting continues to disappoint me. There were less than 125 attendees that showed interest in what went on in 2018 and what the board is planning for 2019. Also, we send a proxy card out every year to vote on board members and a tax resolution. Out of 405 homes only 67% responded.

Also confusing is that one member voted no on the tax resolution. That means this person wants us to pay taxes that we can avoid each year. I hope the check mark on the proxy was an error. I only mention these things because we have volunteer committees working hard to make the Tradition a great place to live.

Spring Cleaning: As I ride through the community I see many homeowners placing pine straw and mulch, fixing mailboxes, power washing, planting flowers and other general spring work around the property. This is what makes our community stand out and increases home values, so thank you very much.

The board realizes the difficulty some properties have with rust from our sprinklers. The common area curbs also have rust issues from our wells. We would like to drill down to clean water but our drainage issues have become very costly and the wells will come next.

Drainage Work: Unfortunately, we continue to have drainage issues. We now have two major repairs to make on Patriot Lane and Tradition Club Drive. The piping placed under the street is breaking down and causing dips in the streets. We will be removing the old pipe and replacing it with concrete piping as should be under roadways. We will also be repairing sinkholes near smaller drains around the community. The cost is very steep and nearing \$60,000.

After experiencing last year's hurricane and flooding I hope everyone realizes the importance of maintaining our drainage system.

Pool: The pool is open and ready for your use. Currently the grill starter does not work so anyone wishing to use the grill must bring a lighter to start the burner on the left. Once the left burner is working you only need to turn the other knobs to light the entire grill. **Please no glass inside the pool fence area.**



Home swapping: Recently a Tradition homeowner swapped his or her house with someone in Europe. The Tradition has a Bylaw voted on by the Property Owners that does not permit leasing or renting a home for less than 6 months. The Property Owner argued that she was not making money on the swap and therefore it was not a lease.

The board discussed this with the association attorney and he stated that our lease/rental Bylaw covered house swapping. When making an agreement, whether on line or in person, to allow someone to use a Tradition home for a period of less than 6 months, you are establishing a lease agreement whether money is involved or not. Therefore, this is a notice to all Owners that house swapping is not permitted. Of course you may go on-line and rent a vacation home anywhere you like as long as it does not involve a Tradition home.

ARB and Covenants Guidelines: When a home/property is purchased in The Tradition, the new owner receives a booklet: the *Architectural Review Board and Covenants Guidelines*. Work has begun to review, update, and clarify the content of these documents in an effort to improve readability and understanding of our community's guidelines and rules. Most Tradition homes sell quickly, even when selling prices increase dramatically, as they have in recent years. Yes, our beach access is an enviable amenity, but it is our community of owners who take pride in their properties and neighborhoods that makes The Tradition a highly sought-after address.

The original *Guidelines* were published in 2001, with subsequent Amendments in 2009, 2013, and 2014. Work on the update will take most of 2019 to complete.

Communications: *Property Owners, Residents, and Renters:* Please make sure we have your current e-mail address so that the BOD can communicate with you. To add or update your e-mail, contact a board member or send an email to our webmaster, Vince Franco qualitykid@sc.rr.com.

Also: When you receive an email from me via "quality kid or Vince Franco," *please do not reply to Vince*. He cannot answer your questions. Your email or phone call must come to me: My contact info appears at the end of each e-blast (and is also listed in this newsletter, online at www.Tradition29585.com, and in the Tradition Neighborhood Directory).

If you see a problem in the community, please call any board member or myself. For association emergencies, you may call Alex Hernon, our buildings and grounds manager, at 843-241-3287. Please identify yourself.

Thanks! Enjoy the summer!

Frank D'Amato Cell #843-446-6875 fdamato@sc.rr.com





Tradition Summer Social

We are planning a **"Country Hoedown"!!**



Saturday, June 22nd
Tradition Pool House
5:30 PM

All Food and set-ups provided!

BYOB

Entertainment: DJ Brent Gash

Games, Food & Fun

Hope y'all can come!

Tradition residents only please



Save the date and don't forget to sign up
we need a head count so we have enough food & supplies

Name_____

How Many_____

Please drop off in Debbie Moeller's newspaper slot at
673 Tradition Club Drive by June 17th or send email to fdmoeller@aol.com

ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD

By Vince Civitarese

Hello to all. I hope everyone has made it through one of the mildest winters we have had since I moved here 17 years ago. Just the reason I moved here! Now spring and summer are here and it is time to update our properties.

Please keep the ARB rules in mind when you think about your outside work. Late this past winter a request to remove a tree from the wetland buffer zone set in motion a whole set of events. This has taken months and a lot of hours by both the BOD and the ARB to sort through. As a result of all our meetings, we have worked out a procedure concerning these requests. This really is not a change in the rules but reflects the manner in which the removal of a wetlands buffer tree is to be handled.

The very first thing that must happen is that the ARB must be able to determine if the tree is on your property, in the wetland buffer and if there is a good reason to remove the tree. The simple fact that you are afraid it will fall on your house or property is not a reason to allow removal.

When we say the ARB must be able to determine if the tree is on your property, we mean we must see property stakes that show all corners of the property and be able to locate those pins. We also must be able to determine the exact location of the wetland buffer on the property, again with visible stakes. Both of these items may require the property to be resurveyed and new pins installed at the owner's expense. If approval is given to remove the tree it must be entirely removed from the wetland buffer. Below is how the procedure reads. Please read it through. I hope this answers everyone's questions on tree removal in the wetland buffers. Thank you for your patience as we resolve this problem.

Vincent Civitarese
Chairman ARB

Removal of Trees in Wetland Buffer Areas

If a homeowner requests the removal of a tree which is on their property and in the wetlands buffer area, they must apply for a permit to remove the tree. The ARB must be able to see the property line pins, the buffer zone line and that the tree is visibly leaning toward the house or is dead or diseased. If the property line pins and the buffer line pins are not visible, then the property must be surveyed, at owner's expense, to determine the exact property lines and buffer lines. If a tree is not visibly damaged, a licensed Arborist must provide a report, at the owner's expense, indicating a reason for removal (i.e. diseased, damaged or dying). This information will then be passed to the Architectural Review Board, in letter or email form, for their approval to remove the tree or trees.

COVENANTS

By Jeanette Renault

April showers – bring May flowers and many other plus and minus things: azaleas, weeds, greening grass, mold & mildew, etc.

A flyer was sent out to help us get our mailboxes and post assemblies in shape. We have extras for any who need another copy. To help you get rid of mold and mildew on concrete walks and driveways, try 30 SECONDS OUT-DOOR CLEANER from Home Depot. Easy to mix with half cleaner & half water, apply with pump sprayer. This helps with moderate to serious black stain.

Now, about our dogs. We love our dogs, but not everyone loves what they leave behind on their walks. Thanks to all who carry a disposal poop bag! We are now getting concerned calls about urine killing grass. So, pet owners, please take care to guide your pet away from lawns.

Garage doors. We have requests to send out a reminder that garage doors should remain closed when not in use.

Happy Spring from your Covenants Volunteers. If we can help you in any way, please call or e-mail us.



Covenants Committee Suggested Vendors 4/26/19

(Vendors are suggested by Tradition residents. Vendor selection is your responsibility.)

Air Conditioning/Heating

Carolina Cool, 843 238-5805

Jerry Beasley, Grand Strand Serv. 843-455-0551

Appliance Repair (Large & Small)

David Gerthung 843-503-5898

Paul Bleier 843-995-3837

Auto Body Repair

Paul Hansmeyer, 843-241-8789

Carpet Cleaning

Clear Water Carpet Cleaning

Ethan Siekierski, 843-742-1774

Concrete Work

SuperCrete, Inc. 843 450-0085 Brick-Pavers

Coastal Asphalt, 843-397-7325

Myrtle Beach Concrete, 843 458-0848

Electrician

(None suggested at this time)

Fire & Water Damage Restoration

SERVPRO, 843 236-6278, Dave Gilbert

A&I, 843 448-8485

Floor Work

Russell Lowery, 843 543-1344

Garage Door (Installation, Service, Openers)

Carolina Garage Door, 843-663-4600.

Atlantic Garage Door Repair Services,

Gas Fireplace Maintenance

H & S Oil, Georgetown, 843-546-9020

Handyman (All-around work)

Bill Graziano, 843 446-7219

(large/small indoor work & remodeling)

Tom Billings, 215-779-3963

(plumbing/electrical/wood/mailbox repair)

Home Remodeling, Construction, Repairs

John Tarvis, Home Improvements – 843-455-5814

Bartha Remodel, 843-545-6027; Mobile 843-461-5231

Bobby Struck Construction, cell 843-458-9704

Landscape Supplies – Mulch, Stones, & More

Billy Zorn (We deliver) 1-888-808-ZORN

Lawn Service

Ronald's Lawn Service, 843-545-1749; 843-344-2868

Billy Ackershoeck Landscaping(Resident) 843 685-5703

Rob Young, 843-504-6450 (Scotland Yard)

Mailbox

Size: 10 7/8 H x 8 1/2 W x 20 1/4 L. Color: Black

Post paint: Sherwin Williams

Tom Billings (resident) 215-779-3963

John K, Sign-It-Quick, 843-293-9855

Painting

John Smith, 843 222-6552, dsmith1950@yahoo.com

Steve Coats, 843-333-0305

Jernie's Painting & Staining, 843-283-2779

Sam Weiss 248-420-9174

Plumber

Hamilton Plumbing (Pawleys Is.), 843-237-8885

DS Plumbing (Pawleys Is), 843-979-9977

Pressure Washing

Allbrite Powerwashing 843 504-1188

Mark Roberts, P.I. Pressure Wash 843 318-2227

Nick Strumke, 843-655-5470

Ed McDonald, 843- 458-4419

Roof Cleaning

Minton Braddy, 843-385-8500

Ryan Wright, 843-240-4830

Roof Repair - Mitch Anderson, 843-546-3330
(evenings)

Siding - Contract Exteriors, 843-222-3574;
843-357-9234

Sprinkler Service

Wylie's Sprinkler Service, 843-448-4016

Tree Service

Mastercare, 1-877-848-TREE (8733)

Acorn Tree Experts- Ed Perron, 843-655-1444

Arcadia Tree Service - John McCarthy, 843- 236-5696

Georgetown Tree Serv. Peter Stevens 843-240-4514

Carolina Tree Services, 336-561-0383 (Kirby)

Spring into Action!



A message from your Covenants committee

Like us, you probably chose to buy a property in The Tradition because it is a wonderful place to live. Properties in The Tradition are sought after. Yours is an investment worth maintaining. When we "signed on the dotted line" and purchased our properties, each of us became a member of The Tradition Property Owners Association (POA). Every member must comply with POA rules and regulations. That compliance extends also to our family members, guests, and renters.

Who we are and What we do

We are volunteers. We are your neighbors.

As committee members, we follow The Tradition *Guidelines for Property Owners* to perform the necessary external inspections of all properties to ensure compliance with the POA Rules and Regulations adopted by our Board of Directors. These *Guidelines for Property Owners*, as well as The Tradition Bylaws, may be found online at www.tradition29585.com. (Note: Updated "Guidelines" will be published online and in print later this year).

Spring into Action: Be your own Inspector

When you spot an issue, please address it promptly. If your property falls out of compliance, you will receive a friendly "nudge" from the Covenants committee — a dated notice that identifies the problem and expectation of your prompt resolution.

As a homeowner or renter, sometimes knowing where to start and what to do is not always easy. Your Covenants committee is here to guide you. Contact any member to discuss your issue, and do not hesitate! Subsequent reminders of an issue left unresolved will ultimately lead to a fine.

As volunteers, we appreciate your prompt attention to the first "nudge" from our committee. As your neighbors and fellow members of The Tradition POA, we expect you to honor your commitment to respectful Covenants compliance.

Questions? Please contact any Covenants Committee member.

Each is listed in the *2018 Tradition Neighborhood Directory*:

Bill Crimmins Diane D'Attilio Ken Dewell Phil Fleiss Al Foderaro

Allan MacDonald Dave Philips Bill Renault Jeanette Renault

As "inspection season" commences, we urge you to
Spring into Action! by using the *Checklist* on the flip side.

Thank You!



Checklist for Homeowners

Inspect for RUST, MILDEW, MOLD and Overall Cleanliness:

- House Siding
- Driveway
- Curb/Gutter
- Sidewalk

Inspect your LAWN, SHRUBBERY, and TREES for:

- Mowing & Edging of all grassy areas (see Sidewalks note below) *
- Lawn thinning & bare spots that need improvement (fertilizer, pest control, irrigation)
- WEED CONTROL for grassy areas, beds, and shrubs
- Bedding areas in need of EDGING ... and MULCH or PINE STRAW
- Trees and shrubs that need attention (see Wetlands Buffer note below) **
- Branches and shrubs that overhang house or sidewalk and require pruning or trimming
- Overall cleanup of yard debris, branches, dead leaves

Inspect your MAILBOX & POST:

- Post repair needed? (Vendors to help are listed on The Tradition website)
- Post paint needed? (Tradition formula available at Sherwin Williams, PI or Murrells Inlet)
- Mailbox paint needed? (Black spray enamel)
- Remove RUST, MILDEW, MOLD and bird droppings
- Are House Numbers posted on both sides of paper box? (Must be 3-4" high per Fire Dept.)

* **Sidewalks where applicable:** You are responsible for the cleaning and upkeep of the sidewalk and grass borders that adjoin your front property line.

Curbs & gutters – All properties: Every homeowner/renter is responsible for removing debris and cleaning the concrete gutters that connect your driveways and perimeter property lines to the asphalt edge of the street. Keeping these areas free of debris is crucial to eliminate flooding during hurricane season!

** **Wetlands Buffer:** If the section of your property that needs attention falls within the Wetlands Buffer, *before taking any action*, please consult a member of the Covenants committee or the ARB.



LITCHFIELD BEAUTIFICATION FOUNDATION

By Kathy MacSorely LBF29585.com



You can surely tell spring has arrived when you travel along Ocean Highway in Litchfield! The medians are edged, shrubs are ready to bloom, fresh pine straw has been added to the beds, and the crape myrtles have been selectively trimmed. And that's only part of the job! You may have noticed that some new Palmetto palm trees have appeared along the median recently. As it turned out, we received permission from South Carolina DOT to replace the four palm trees that did not survive Hurricane Matthew. Good news indeed, as we thought back in October that would not be permitted.

Armed Forces Day, May 18th will be the first of 11 flag displays for 2019. There will be a new larger sign this year to acknowledge the individuals or organization that financially sponsors the flag deployment each day. They make a valuable contribution to enhance our patriotic holidays and acknowledge those that have served our Country. Look for the sign on the median just north of the Litchfield By The Sea back gate. Joan and Ed Sheldon are sponsoring Armed Forces Day. Other Tradition sponsors for 2019 are Linda and Olin Warren, Joe and Ann English, Bonnie and Ron Eaglin, and Skippy and Vinnie Esposito. Thanks so much to all of you. Tradition ROCKS!

The LBF strives to enhance and maintain the unique visual identity of the Litchfield community for all of our residents and visitors. We can only do that with your donations. Please visit our web site LBF29585.com to read more about us and find out how you can join us in keeping Litchfield beautiful and the flags flying! Thank you

The Turtles are Coming!

Our water temperature here at **LBTS** is on the rise and as it warms to 68 degrees the Loggerhead turtles come in to nest. We are hoping for a busy nesting season and need your help to insure the mamas and hatchlings have a clear path. Remember to fill in any holes you see on the beach and knock down sand sculptures by sunset. Remind visitors to do the same. Never leave beach chairs or tents over night as that's when the turtles are active. We all do our part to keep our beach free of trash and the marine life needs our efforts to continue. If you see turtle activity such as a mama coming in to nest, please do not disturb her, but stand way back and watch. The same goes for the hatching of a nest. Never touch them! Call Mary Ellen Campbell of SCUTE at 216 346-8816 when any **LBTS** activity happens or if you see a nest has been disturbed. It's an amazing journey for these turtles and we are so blessed to have them on our beach. Check the SCUTE Facebook page for turtle updates! Many thanks

Mary Ellen Campbell Mehenderson01@hotmail.com
216 346-8816



NINE & DINE

Join us on Sunday afternoons with the "Nine & Dine" group whether you're a couple or a single. This is the best time of year to play golf so why not join us for golf and dinner? Great way to meet your neighbors and get some exercise. Can't beat that! For more information e-mail Darlene Dodson at smile4me@sc.rr.com or call: 843-235-8066

MARKET WATCH By CJ Brockington

2018 was another successful year for property values within The Tradition! There were a total of 20 sales & closings for a total of **\$7,050,650.00!** The average sold to list price for our homes was 98.00%!

I am not sure many other neighborhoods, if any, could match this kind of percentage! Being a homeowner since 2000, I am certainly very encouraged and comfortable with my investment! Please call me if I can ever answer any questions!



GOLD TEES BY JERRY MITHEN

<http://tradition29585.com/goldtees.htm>



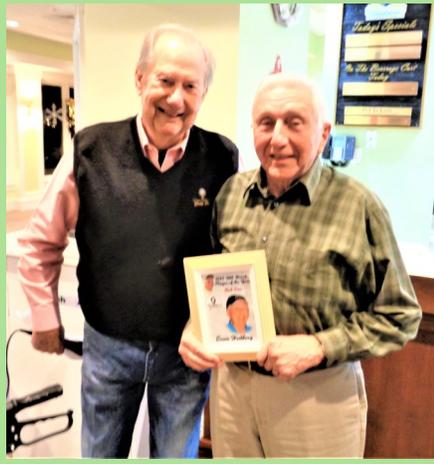
The Tradition Gold Tee Golf Association is composed of nearly 100 great guys who play nine holes of golf from the gold tees on Wednesday afternoons. Our motto is "Fun, Fellowship, Friends". We have many social functions during the year where our member/chefs cook up some delicious meals. During peak seasons we take occasional "Road Trips" to other local golf courses. The "Gold Tee Boutique" offers good deals on clothing and other sundries. Pictures of our weekly winning teams are posted on the website.

Gold Tee Christmas Party-12/4/2018

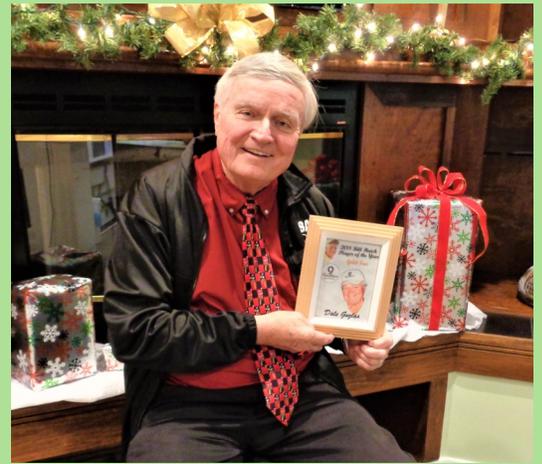
The annual Christmas party was held at the Tradition Clubhouse. Chefs Debbie and Carla prepared a dinner of meatloaf, ham, baby carrots in butter, salad, rolls and three choices of cake for dessert. Carla decorated the entire club house with Christmas decorations, a beautiful Christmas tree and wrapped presents underneath. Following dinner, the annual Gold Tees Awards were presented. President's Award for the player who contributed the most dedicated service to the club for the year was awarded to Paul Lempert. Player of the Year, based upon rounds played and scores went to Dale Guzlas for Gold Tees and Ernie Heilberg for Red Tees Player. Entertainment was provided by Dale Guzlas portraying Carnac from the Johnny Carson show. In honor of Jim Conway, a beloved member who passed away a couple of weeks before the party, his son, Mike, gave a moving tribute to his father and to the club his dad loved.



Vince Franco and Paul Lempert



John Melzer and Ernie Heilberg



Dale Guzlas

The Jim Conway Annual Chili Bowl was held at Tradition on February 5th with 12 four-man teams competing. Chef Debbie prepared the traditional meal of chili with noodles, bread, butter and salad. It was a wonderful fun tournament honoring our dear friend Jim Conway. Texas Scramble: Winners Front Side: Anthony Deflower/Bill O'Brian, George Gabelman/Hugh Espey, Bob Keller/Thomas Little. Winners Back Side: Vinny Esposito/Ed Sheldon, Joe Stacey/Ron Eaglin, Lance Burghardt/Jim Davis, Tom Sandham/Don McDowell, Charlie Muratore/Deiter Wegner, Martin Robic/Roy MacSorley. Closest to the Pin: #2 Bob Fulton #5 Gary Clifford #12 Bill Mitchell #15 Vincent Esposito.





More Gold Tees:

PITA Golf Outing 3/7/2019— A new fun tournament was created by Jim Cronin and consisted of five teams with five Captains: John Melzer, (Melzer's Maniacs) Walt Murren, (Walt's Scramblers) Paul Kelly, (Kelly's Heros) Bob Caufield (Caufield's Crushers) and George Baker (Baker Boys). Only the Captain was permitted to putt once the ball is on the green. The other three team members played a full scramble from tee to green.

P.I.T.A.

P = Putts for Captains only.

I = One Iron Only

T = One Three Wood Only

A = Any Wedge, but only One

All three players may share



At the end of the tournament all groups were waiting at #18 for the final closest to the pin competition between the Captains. The winner received the prestigious "PPP Award" (pretty perfect putting). Two closest to the pin prizes was awarded to the Team Captains: a new set of clubs on #12 (Walt's Scramblers) and a new car on #15 (Melzer's Maniacs). Team Baker Boys won the tournament and the captain was awarded a gold putter on a hat rack.



Walt Murren Winner #12



John Melzer Winner #15



"The Baker Boys" John Walker, George Gabelman, George Baker, Al Foderaro, Dave Declat



Paul Kelly—Crying Towel



Melzer's Maniacs Cart

John Melzer and his crew served up a couple of dinners at the Pool house.

On March 6th was **Cheeseburger in Paradise** after golf with Potato Salad and all the Fixings. Then on March 19th was **Melzer's March Meatloaf Madness**. This extravaganza featured shrimp appetizers, salad, mashed potatoes, corn and cake for dessert. After dinner Paul Kelly provided the joke of the day and there was a raffle for the attendees.



Cheeseburgers in Paradise



The Chefs



March Meatloaf Madness



TRADITION LADIES GOLF LEAGUE

BY SUZANNE STRASSER

TRADITION LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION END OF YEAR 2018 AWARDS LUNCHEON

PLAYER OF THE YEAR Maureen Lempert
 MOST IMPROVED Bev Jackson
 LOW NET RED Joan Sheldon & Janet Ransom 70
 LOW NET BLUE Pat Kemper 56
 One time low net blue & red Penny Pikaart 56
 Low GROSS RED Joan Sheldon (77)
 Low GROSS BLUE Penny Pikaart & Janet Ransom (82)
 Broke 90 Carolyn Mims 89 Linda De Ruiter 88
 Penny Pikaart 86 Sally Russell 89
 Broke 100 Mary Lou Goodell 96 Bev Jackson 97
 Peg Boden 92 Rebecca Stacey 98
 1st birdie Mary Lou Goodell hole #15
 Janet Ransom hole #3 Peg Boden hole #17
 Carolyn Mims hole #7
 Low putts Pat Kemper (26)



Maureen Lempert, Bev Jackson, Joan Sheldon & Janet Ransom



Sally Russell, Pat Kemper, Rebecca Stacey, Peg Boden, Penny Pikaart, Mary Lou Goodell, Linda De Ruiter, Carolyn Mims

GUYS AND DOLLS TOURNAMENT

The Tradition ladies League played a two person scramble on 3/14/2019. The winners were; 1st Sally Russell & Bob Sanders (59), 2nd Ed & Joan Sheldon (62), 3rd Bernadette and w. Wright (62), 4th Maureen & Paul Lempert (63), 5th Carolyn & Don Mims (63), 6th Dick & Carolyn Pacella (63), 7th Pat & Frank D'Amato (64).
 Closest to the pins winners were; Hole #2 Bev Jackson, hole #5 Dick Pacella, hole #12 Frank D'Amato, hole # 15 Pat D'Amato
 It was perfect weather and a fun day.



TRADITION LADIES GOLF LEAGUE CONTINUED RINGER TOURNAMENT 2019



The Tradition Ladies League played the Ringer tournament on 4/4 and 4/11. This is a tournament of one low net score each week compared to the second week for best overall low net of the team. On 4/4 Closest to the pins were Linda DeRuiter hole #2 and Janet Ransom hole #12. Birdies were made by Linda DeRuiter hole #6 and Janet Ransom holes # 8 and #12. The second week 4/11 closest to the pins were # 5 Janet Ransom and Carolyn Pacella hole # 15. Birdies were made by Maureen Lempert #12 and Janet Ransom #13. The tournament winners were; 1st Carolyn Mims & Janet Ransom (49), 2nd Maureen Lempert & Rebecca Stacey (52), 3rd Linda De-Ruiter & Amy Monaghan (53), most improved by 9 strokes Bev Jackson & Suzanne Strasser.

Events Coming up: Member Guest May 16, Member-Member June 20, President's Cup Sept 12 / Sept 19



TBT
THROW BACK
THURSDAY
TLGA
Member-guest
Tournament
MAY 17, 2007

STRASSER, SUZANNE &
 HAYES, JANICE
 SHELDON, JOAN &
 CROSBY, LORRAINE
 MONAGHAN, AMY &
 BUSS, JAN
 McELROY, JEAN &
 WAHL, MARTHA
 STEWART, JOANNE &
 DWYER, LORRAINE
 PACELLA, CAROLYN &
 LEONE, FRAN
 LEMPert, MAUREEN &
 BARKSDALE, CECELIA
 D'AMATO, PAT &
 MILLER, MARGE
 MCLAUGHLIN, CELISE

KELLER, MARYANN &
 COX, GAYE
 RONAN, ELLEN &
 CONWAY, MARY JANE
 KELLY, CLARE &
 ROEHL, PATRICIA
 FLEISS, BOBBIE &
 MINAGAWA, REIKO
 RUFF, BETTY &
 HOYNS, KATEY
 ELLISON, DOT &
 ROSS, KATHLEEN
 DOHERTY, LORI &
 KRONSKI, ELAINE
 GAMBESKI, JUDY &
 PETERSON, SYLVIA

FRANCO, DOT &
 ESPOSITO, SKIPPY
 BARKSDALE, DAUNE &
 EDDY, BETH
 RUSSELL, SALLY &
 BROWN-RIGG, TANYA
 MIGAS, JUDY &
 ADAMS, MICKY
 DAVIS, GRACE &
 DAVIS, CHERYL
 COUGHLIN, VIVIAN &
 RENAULT, JEANETTE
 GUZLAS, SUE &
 BLACKHURST, NEATS
 BOWERS, LINDA &
 SULLIVAN, SHIRLEY

LEHMANN, LINDA &
 SMITH, MARSHA
 KENDALL, JOANNE &
 CONFER, PHYLLIS
 JENNINGS, DANI &
 OLNHAUSEN, MAUREEN
 BROWN, BEV &
 COMBS, MARGARET
 COCUZZA, PAT &
 BURNSIDE, SHEILA
 MacSORLEY, KATHY &
 COX, RUTH
 MALARA, NANCY &
 DODSON, DARLENE
 BLAIS, SANDY &
 LOCASCIO, BARBARA

LADIES NINE HOLE GOLF LEAGUE By Jeanette Renault

Christmas & Awards Lunch was held on 12/4/18. Dee Ely received annual awards from the group for Low Putts, Most Improved Golfer and Ringer Book. Marsha DeFlumeri won the Low Gross Award.

TOURNAMENT March 26, 2019

Tradition Ladies Nine hosted the Ladies Eighteen to a Four Player Step Aside event. Thirty-six players participated on a wintry afternoon. One drive was required by each player and all putt out. Closest to pin on #2 Cindi Kramer; on #15 Sally Russell. First place winners on the front nine: Suzanne Edone, Carolyn Pacella, Dee Ely, Deane Smith; second: Patti Burdhardt. Susan Strasser, Joan Simko, Celise McLaughlin; third: Amy Monaghan, Marsha DeFlumeri, Linda Mitchell, Dot Nolan. Back nine: first place: Elaine Little, Sally Russell, Mary Lou Goodell, Dot Franco; second Joan Sheldon, Jan Jennings, Pat Kemper, Jan Hayes; third: Janet Ransom, Bev Jackson, Peggy Boden, Janette Mitchell



INTERCLUB

Tradition Ladies Nine played an Interclub game at Wachesa Plantation 11/27/18. Dee Ely's team won 1st place gross score; Jan Hayes' team won 1st place on back 9; Mildred Culpepper's team came in third. Prizes for the winners were wine goblets.

On Tuesday March 5th a few ladies from the Nine Hole league attended an Interclub at Litchfield Plantation. Due to poor weather conditions golf was canceled, but the group enjoyed the luncheon.



EVENTS

The First quarter birthday luncheon was held at True Blue March 19. The group filled up the porch. Gifts were awarded to the ladies who celebrated birthdays in January, February and March. Although only 5 were able to attend there were more than 2 dozen members and social members celebrating birthdays during the first quarter including Donna Scott who celebrated a milestone birthday. A surprise party was held for her by a few of her closest friends at Franks Restaurant on February 5th.

Bingo & BBQ event was held at the Tradition Pool House on April 2nd. The dinner was catered by Moe's and the Spataro's spun the wheel for Bingo. It was a good turnout and a great time for all who attended.



Birthday Celebrations: S. Edone, M. DelGaudio, J. Hayes, J. Jennings, Skippy Esposito & Donna Scott

BBQ and BINGO Ellen & Jim Spataro, Grace Robic, Marsha DeFlumeri and Sandi Bunce

LADIES NINE HOLE GOLF LEAGUE Continued

GAME DAYS

Once each month the pairings committee is challenged to come up with a competitive game for the ladies. The other Tuesdays the women play their own ball and scores are posted.

November 13, 2018 - The ladies played a November Autumn event and the winners were Peggy Tundryn and Linda Mitchell.

December 11, 2018 - The Nine Hole Ladies played a red-green Christmas event. First place went to Linda Mitchell and Bev Hurd; second to Joan Simko and Dee Ely



Feb. 19, 2019- On a cold and wintry day, the Lady Nine Hole league competed in a modified Stableford points event. First Place was Dot Nolan, second place Marsha DeFlumeri, and third place was Celise McLaughlin



January 29, 2019—Game day for the lady nine hole group was a four club challenge. Front nine: First Phyllis Confer (not pictured); second Cindi Kramer; third Joan Simko Back nine: First Patti Burghardt; second Donna Scott; third Marsha DeFlumeri



April 16, 2019—The Tradition Ladies Nine played a Four Person Scramble All the Way. No more than three drives could be used per player, and each player had to get in at least one drive. First place winners were Marsha DeFlumeri, Kathleen McKay, Georgia McDowell and Mildred Culpepper; second place on a match of cards went to Donna Scott, Ann Carline, Linda Mitchell and Elaine Little.



CHIP-In Pool

The women started a chip-in pool each Tuesday. Each player may put 50 cents into the pot to participate. Any player who gets a chip-in wins the pot, if more than one person chips-in they share, no chip-ins the pot goes to the next time.

New League Rules

Effective January 2019 only Members of the Tradition Golf Club may join the Ladies Nine Hole League. All non-club nine hole members from 2018 were eligible to be grandfathered in as Guest-Members this year. New Social Membership is open only to former members of the league.



Chip In 2/12/19 D. Ely & P. Burghardt

Chip In 3/19/19—C. Kramer

Coming Up: Member/Guest Tournament May 21, Guys and Dolls Tournament September 17th

THE MEN'S CLUB BY BILL RENAULT



The last official tournament in 2018 was the "annual" Thanksgiving Shootout" on the Sunday following Thanksgiving in honor and memory of the late Men's Club president Steve Kronski. Steve was an exceptional leader who brought the "Shootout" format to The Men's Club when he moved to The Tradition some 20 years ago. The format is nine holes with ten two man teams competing according to handicaps. One team is eliminated on each hole until two teams are left on the ninth hole.

This past year it was Frank D'Amato / Brian Kramer versus Eric Muller /Joe Stacey. After two tries, neither team was able to close out the match. It took a "Chip Off" by D'Amato from 40 feet to win the hole and match. Steve Kronski would have loved it.

The members favorite "Ringer" tournament usually played in December was pushed back due to weather and completed in January. 29 two man teams competed with the "best" 18 holes of the 36 played deciding the winners This year it was Paul Hayes & Don McDowell with a net (54). Hugh Espey & Jerry Mayer with (55) placed second on a (moc) over Roger Byrne & Jack Graham.

Looking forward, The Men's Club has several important tournaments this Summer including The Presidents Cup, The Member /Member The Member / Guest and The White & Blue They will also enjoy three casual events celebrating Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day.



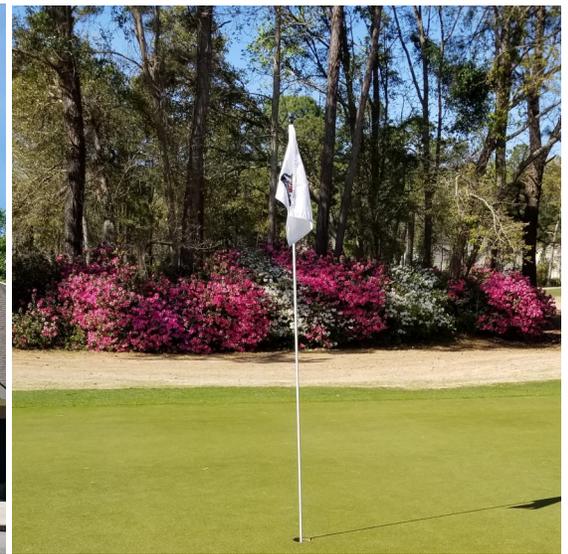
The first official tournament in 2019 was "The Memorial Masters" The Tradition Men's Spring Classic that uses a modified individual "Stableford" scoring system. (One point for a "net" boggie, Two points for net par, three for net birdie, four for net eagle). Bob Wittig, a recent member who came to The Tradition from Northern California showed what can be expected with a two round total of 86 points (43-43) a 7 point margin over Paul Hayes (42-37=79). Bob with exceptional length off the tee has quickly become a factor in our weekly games and fun to play with. It should be noted that Dick Culver had 44 points in round one but due to a physical problem (knee replacement) was unable to play in round two. Who knows what might have been.



With a full slate of tournaments special thanks to past Tournament Chairman Tom Strasser who devoted much time and effort in developing these events. Tom was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in January. Glen Campbell as Tom's replacement promises to maintain the quality.

Finally, Our thoughts and prayers are in memory of past friends and members Al Ruff, Jim Conway and Henry Woltman. They are missed as is special friend Bobby Heath.





Greetings Tradition Community Members!

I moved to the Myrtle Beach area in January of 1994. I remember the Spring of that year was amazing! It was nothing like the Spring seasons I had experienced all my life in my home state of Iowa. I walked around my new South Carolina home with my jaw dropped in awe over the beautiful azaleas, live oak trees, Spanish moss, and the abundance of perfect 70-degree days. Now I am a “few” years older, but I still walk around in awe of the beauty that our area offers – especially in the Spring. I have lived here 25 years and I am still feeling abundantly blessed to be surrounded by the “Low Country” treasures that I get to experience each day. Is this why you moved here too?

It is hard to believe I have been at Tradition Golf Club for over a year. Last year was a year of exciting changes and this year we will continue to improve the products and services offered. That is my plan for every year.

I am happy to report that our golf course conditions have been excellent and we fully expect great conditions to continue under the supervision of our new Superintendent, Shawn Keller. Shawn is off to a great start and we look forward to his plans for the course in 2019.



We also expect Tradition Club Golf Memberships to continue on a positive trend. Membership is going strong and we are excited by the number of new members we have added from the Tradition community. We have started hosting quarterly membership dinners and are planning the next one for Friday, June 7th. This membership event will include dinner and a Trivia Contest. Details will be coming soon.

We are also trying something new this summer for the entire Tradition Community. We have had several suggestions for a community Happy Hour in the Grill. We have listened to your requests and plan on hosting monthly summer “Fun Nights” for you. You can ride your golf cart to the Grill for a relaxed, informal gathering of neighbors. We will provide chips / snacks at no charge and Happy Hour pricing for your beverages. The first “Fun Night” will be Friday, June 28th. If these are well attended, we will consider more events for the community to enjoy. Please watch your e-mails for details.

On behalf of the Tradition staff, please know we are happy to serve the community in any way. Kurtis Kuhn and I always have open doors, so please feel free to call or e-mail if you have any questions, suggestions, or other thoughts.

Happy Spring Everyone! Don't forget to be in awe!

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On February 22 the Tradition Golf Club hosted a dinner for members. The menu, prepared by Chef Debbie Jackson was Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Salad and dessert. DJ Brett Gash played during dinner and afterwards for dancing. It was a delightful evening of comradery and great food. We look forward to more events sponsored by our Golf Club.



***THIS IS A TRADITION
COMMUNITY EVENT
AND OPEN TO ALL!***

Memorial Day Scramble

Sunday May 26, 2019

at the Tradition Golf Club

Tee-Times Start @ 7:50 Front & Back

\$19.00 per person

Fees Include Lunch and Prizes

Food Only - \$14

Cart Fees are to be paid day of play!!

Guest Rate will be \$25.00 for 18 Holes

Please pay Cash or Check Only!

Payments must be received by 5/19/19

Please Signup in Pro Shop



**For those who want to play
Nine Holes**

The Club has given us a great deal to help fill up the spaces. The cart and green fees will be \$15 for Members and only \$20 for Non-Members.



LITCHFIELD BY THE SEA PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Bob Postiglione

With Spring upon us and Summer on its way. We're gearing up for another Great Year at Litchfield by the Sea. We've been enhancing landscaping where we could and maintaining the huge common areas we all know and love.

These 2019 Projects include:

1. Landscaping across from the main gate along Retreat Beach Circle fronting the Lakeside Community has been dramatically cut back, cleaned up and will be properly maintained going forward. With a little patience the remaining landscaping will flush out and will provide the positive first impression to LBTS that has been sorely needed.
2. Bulkheads at the Osprey Lake fishing dock have been repaired after storm flooding caused some wash out damage.
3. Resurfacing of several the LBTS common roads will be commencing and completed prior to peak rental season
4. The decking and stairs on the upper seating area at the Beach House deck has been replaced with a synthetic deck material and looks fantastic... We expect that the additional cost of the synthetic decking will be offset by substantial lower maintenance requirements and a much longer useful life. Depending on feedback from ownership additional deck replacement of the beach house decks with the synthetic material will follow in the years to come.
5. The waterway behind homes along Club Circle in the River Club was cleared of down trees and debris. Storm drain repairs on both the Ocean Campus and at River Club will be performed later this year.



As was discussed in my last letter... Following an exhaustive financial review of our Reserve Study and Operating Budget by the newly formed Finance Committee, the Board at LBTS has finalized the 2019 Budget. Many of us take for granted the day to day operation and beauty of our slice of heaven called Litchfield by the Sea... Whether it be roads, landscaping, ponds, sidewalks, fountains, bulkheads, sewers, security, beach crossovers or our beach house and decks... Your Board and our Management Company, Waccamaw Management are working to keep LBTS among the top Beach Resort Communities.

All of this takes a financial commitment by us all. The LBTS Board is mindful of this and strives to find savings and efficiency where we can without diminishing the WOW Factor that we've all come to expect.

SECURITY

The past six months have been relatively quiet on the Ocean Side and River Club Campuses. We did experience some vandalism at the Ocean Campus, primarily break-ins to unlocked automobiles.

There were also thefts from the lower level, unlocked areas of a few condos. One was a rash of about three condos', where the local sheriff was able to discover and arrest the responsible person.

With the summer months fast approaching, we will need to remain very focused on petty vandalism and unauthorized attempts to either drive a golf cart or walk into our communities. Please remember to keep your car locked when leaving them unattended.

Finally, we need everyone's support to use the North and South gates whenever possible to reduce the traffic at the main gate.

If you have any suggestions on how we can improve security, please contact Tom Leis at thos7474@gmail.com. Other than occasional system glitches, the system is performing well.

Don't forget our annual meeting will be on Saturday, June 15th at 10:00 am at the Waccamaw Library.

Also, our web site litchfieldbythesea.com contains a wealth of information for LBTS homeowners and visitors.

Finally... We'd like your input. Let us know how you think we can make Litchfield by the Sea better for you. Direct your comments to Lisa Hergenrother at Waccamaw Management via her email

LisaH@waccamawmanagement.com.

The Litchfield by the Sea Board would like to wish you a fantastic Spring and Summer... Stay Safe...

On behalf of the Litchfield by the Sea Board of Directors

Bob Postiglione

Tradition Health Forum

By J. Vance Vandergriff M.D.

With Spring weather leaving, and the Summer heat just around the corner, I want to take a minute to discuss dehydration. Exercise and activity is very important for everyone. And so too is staying hydrated during these activities.

Dehydration happens when your body uses more fluids than what you take in. Water comprises 55-60% of your body. You need to take in a lot of liquids to keep homeostasis to allow normal body function. You will need on average 3 quarts of water a day to prevent dehydration.

Some common causes of dehydration include excessive sweating, vomiting, diarrhea, and high fever. Symptoms of mild dehydration include increased thirst, dry mouth, decrease urination, headaches, muscle cramps, and dark urine. Treatment includes sipping water, sucking or chewing ice, or slowly drinking supplement with electrolytes. You should avoid caffeine as this can increase urination and further the dehydration.

Signs of moderate to severe dehydration include dizziness, confusion, rapid heart rate, rapid respirations, delirium, and fainting. These patients need prompt medical attention to receive IV fluids to prevent seizures, brain damage, and sometimes death. Some people are at much higher risk to development dehydration. The very young, the very old, those with chronic medical conditions like diabetes, and those that take diuretics are all at increased risk to develop dehydration. Dehydration if left untreated can lead to severe electrolyte imbalances, cardiac arrhythmias, kidney failure, and sometimes death.

If you have any further questions please contact your health care provider, or I will be happy to discuss with you at my Strand Urgent Care office. Enjoy the summer, but remember to drink more water.

Consequences of Dehydration

THIRST

Thirst is a useful indicator of daily fluid requirements. Unfortunately, it's not fully reliable since the body is already mildly dehydrated by the time an average person starts to notice thirst.¹

MENTAL

Dehydration can degrade specific aspects of cognitive performance including visual vigilance, tension, anxiety, fatigue and visual working memory. Dehydration was also linked to negative mood rating, impaired motor performance and short-term memory.⁴

SKIN

Dehydration results in dry skin and wrinkles.²

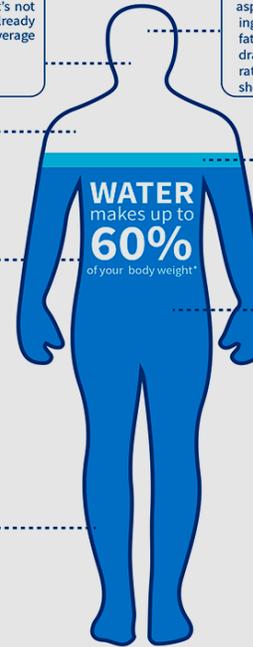
KIDNEYS

Higher water intake is shown to have a protective impact on the kidneys, and there is initial evidence that CKD (Chronic Kidney Disease) may be inversely related to higher water intake.³

A study by Dai et al. found a strong protective effect of fluid intake in preventing kidney stone formation in men.⁴

PHYSICAL

Studies have shown that the modest level of dehydration (2% of body mass) can result in around a 20% decrease in physical performance levels in temperate climates and up to a 40% decrease in hot temperatures.⁵



DEHYDRATION

A 1% loss of body mass due to fluid loss is defined as dehydration.⁷

WEIGHT LOSS

Opting for water instead of sugary drinks can help reduce body weight and fat levels. According to Stookey,⁸ just drinking 500 ml (17 oz) of water increases energy expenditure by 100kJ. Findings in the same study indicate that an absolute increase in drinking water to to ≥ 11 (34 oz)/day was associated with ~ 2 kg or 5 lbs weight loss over 12 months.

*WATER

Water plays crucial roles, in transporting nutrients and waste products between our major organs and helping regulate temperature.⁹



Neighborhood Directory

2019

Directory Updates

By Keith Hoile gsojayhawk@gmail.com

WELCOME YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS:

Edwin and Joan Hansen to 448 Tradition Club Drive from Austin, TX
Phillip and Mary Holberton to 150 Deacon Drive from Pawleys Island
James and Diane O'Neill to 164 Deacon Drive from Charlotte, NC
David and Ruth Miller to 141 Alexander Glennie from Pawleys Island

FAREWELL TO FRIENDS MOVING ON:

Carol Gallup from 150 Deacon Drive
Kathleen Frank from 164 Deacon Drive
Joseph Naughton III from 141 Alexander Glennie Drive



The Pool is Ready. Are You?

Ladies, it's almost time to dust off the water shoes, take those noodles out of the attic, squeeze into those bathing suits and get ready to start **water aerobics**. We are all looking forward to a great summer of fun and exercise with Dee Ely. You'll get an email with our start date sometime in May. You don't want to miss out. If you're not on our email list, please email Pat Shriver jshriver@sc.rr.com See you in the water!

Neighbor to Neighbor

Tradition has always been a generous and caring community.

Our Neighbor to Neighbor volunteer program (formerly called "Meals on Wheels"), is a way of providing food when a Tradition neighbor faces a sudden crisis and is in need of a meal to nourish their body and warm their heart. Bringing a dinner to their home is a way to show we care. Please note, we are not a formal program of providing meals on a continual basis, but rather occasional help when the need arises.

A welcome is extended to other volunteer "chefs" who would like to join our group.

If you are in need of our service or to join our chefs group, please contact:

Chair: Gloria Starrick 843-235-3261 gdcruiase@aol.com

Asst. Chair: Kathy Knittel 843-235-6939 ksk102@aol.com



Hand Foot & Elbow

Come join us for a contagious and fun game of cards!

We play on Mondays either at 1:00 or in the evenings at 6:00 at the clubhouse. Like to learn? We will teach you!

Call either Darlene Dodson at 843-235-8066 or Janette's Mitchell at 843-314-9513.



A Canadian Adventure—By Martin Robic

Last year Mary Grace and I took a bus and train trip through Western Canada starting in Vancouver. We went to Whistler, Bamph, Jasper National Park, Butchart Gardens and so many other places. We walked on a glacier and visited the Squamish First Nation Area. The tour was great and the scenery was unbelievable.

We did water rafting [on the Milder side] although we still got wet; went through some awesome rapids and had a great time. The train was outstanding and food, abundant and fabulous. I highly recommend this wonderful trip (unless you are on a diet, you best stay home.)

Crab Quiche Squares

- 1 8oz can Pillsbury refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- 1 8oz cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 C sour cream
- 2 eggs
- 2 6oz cans crabmeat, drained/flaked
- 3/4 C grated Parmesan cheese
- 8 green onions, finely chopped
- Dash of salt and pepper
- 350 oven

Unroll crescents into 2 long rectangles, place in 13x9, pressing to form crust. Press perforations to seal. Beat cream cheese in med bowl till light and fluffy. Add sour cream & eggs; beat well. Add crabmeat, 1/2 cup cheese, onions, salt and pepper. Mix well.

I added a little Siracha sauce to spice it up a little.

Spoon and spread over dough.

Sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Bake 35 - 40 min till center is set and edges are golden brown. Cool 10 min then cut into squares.



Winey Wednesday meets the second Wednesday of every month (Except December). During the good weather it's at the beach and other times at the Pool House. Each month two people volunteer to organize the event. It is a BYOB and appetizer to share. There is often a collection for the food bank or other charitable donation. And left over food always goes to the Firehouse. If you are interested in getting on distribution email mlovestennis@gmail.com.



Tradition Needlework Group

Come Join Us at 10:00 am every Friday at the
Residents' Clubhouse

Bring that piece of needlework that you just can't seem to find time to work on – and enjoy some friendly conversation while you're sewing.

For further details contact Loretta Espey 843-2352518

HOME & GARDEN CLUB NEWS –

By Merry Cotton

One day last summer at the Tradition swimming pool, one of Tradition's residents, Bonnie Eaglin by name, said it would be nice to have a ladies' garden club again...after the water aerobics session ended.

Several of the ladies got together and from that brief discussion, the Tradition Garden club re-emerged but as the new Home and Garden club. Next came several organizational meetings and the club kicked off with Pat Crimmins as the president, Merry Cotton as vice president, Peggy Tudryn as secretary, and Reyn Steadman as treasurer.

Nearly twenty ladies volunteered to chair the various committees to lead the club through the first season with nearly 60 members and a starting date in August. The Club House was reserved and meetings were scheduled to be held the third Tuesday at 10:00 with light snacks offered.

The programs this season have been diversified with a newspaper columnist and master gardener who kicked off the season in October. Unfortunately the September meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Florence.

In November, our program focused on physical and emotional health with three presenters speaking on the importance of a healthy "Mind, Body and Soul." The December meeting included a demonstration on making herbal Christmas ornaments.

In January 2019 we held the first meeting true to the new name of focusing on the home. It was a presentation on custom shades and draperies with fashionable fabrics and designs presented for viewing. February brought us "Principles of Landscaping for Home Gardens" presented by a skilled gardener from Brookgreen Gardens and in March we had a demonstration of container planting with a silent auction for the two newly designed outdoor urns that were featured. The winners of the containers were Reyn Stedman and Sally Mahon.

The club had decided on a project for the last meeting of the year. The project was designing small terra cotta pots of artificial flowers for the residents at The Lakes. Nearly 40 small arrangements were delivered to The Lakes and were graciously received.

After a very successful year, new officers were elected and are to be "officially installed" at the May luncheon to be held at the Bistro on May 21. The new president will be Debbie Moeller, vice president, Pat Castanera, Linda Wittig will be the secretary and Reyn Steadman will continue as treasurer.

The ladies look forward to another productive and entertaining year.



Peggy Tudryn, Mildred Culpepper,
Debbie Moeller & Pat Crimmins



Cheney Taylor, Container Gardening



Silk flower arrangements for the
Lakes of Litchfield

FROM THE EDITOR - By Celise McLaughlin

Craft Du jour: I have been a crafter for a long as I can remember. I learned to sew when I was about 7 or 8, my favorite toy was an etch-a-sketch and I got my first paint set at the age of eleven. All through High School I made my own clothes. I had the chicest tent dresses, granny dresses and bell bottom pants. When I wasn't sewing I was drawing or painting something. As a working adult and Mom I spent my craft time making quilts, draperies, upholstery and other home and kid projects. In the house John and I purchased in Connecticut there was a workshop in the basement and I commandeered that space as mine. I covered the old workbench with contact paper, set up my sewing machines and shelving. That workshop was my sanctuary.

When we built our home here at Tradition, a workshop space was a priority for me. When Centex came out with the Maplewood model late in development, we hopped on it. It had everything we wanted including lots of storage space and a 4th bedroom which was to be my workshop. Although this room initially had a futon and could convert to a 4th bedroom to accommodate grandkids should the need arise, over time as my craft interests grew my need for product space did as well. Bye, Bye Futon. I often threaten to knock down the wall between bedroom #3 and #4, but I have yet to get John on board with that. So I make do in my allotted space.

Although I still sew occasionally, my craft products have grown exponentially. About 10 years ago I got into making jewelry, I bought beads everywhere I went. I had one craft show, did some custom work and grew tired of it and moved on. Then I got into thread art and applique. I bought every color of thread imaginable and fabric remnants, of course. Then 7 years ago I was bitten by the paper-crafting bug. I started making cards. I bought paper, stamps, ink, stencils and every other product I thought I needed. I joined a card kit club, then I started scrapbooking and joined a scrapbook kit club. That was a huge investment and an even larger storage invasion. It was out of control.

Last year I joined an Art Journal Club at "Scrapbooks by the Sea," a Paper Crafting store on Route 544. It is a small group of women who get together the 4th Saturday of the Month and play with art. A new direction. Mixed Media, Oh Boy. Canvases, Acrylics, Matte Medium, glazes, varnish, paper, fixatives.. More products, more storage. Now I am an abstract mixed media artist. Who knew? Every piece of work I do has a message. It is the message that draws in my audience. I have a YouTube Channel; I am on a creative team for a Mixed Media artist out of Ohio; I did a craft show last fall and Art Under the Oaks this spring. I am selling my art too, good thing too, because otherwise I would run out of wall space.

Just last week, I did a major overhaul of my workshop. I packed up all the old product from crafts-gone-by and found alternate storage spaces in book cases and closets. You don't get rid of crafts, you never know if you may take it up again, or pass it on to a close friend who does. I set up my workshop for my "craft du jour" which is mixed media, card-making and travelers notebooks (these are tiny books for documenting memories). They do not take much space or time, but definitely helps with the dying brain cells.

I cannot tell you how long I will be doing these particular crafts. I am enjoying it all right now. But based upon my history, there may be another craft looming in my future that I will have to master. Maybe that wall will be coming down after all.



The 4th annual **Art Under the Oaks** was held on April 6th in the grassy area near Eggs Up Grill. The event is sponsored by Seaside Framing and Photography and benefits Tara Hall Home for boys. This year the show brought in over 60 artisans from all over the southeast. I was lucky to get a space. Local musicians offered their time and talents to perform for the attendees including this "no name" pick-up band who played 70s and Country music. They were really good.



It had rained the day before and had threatened showers the day of the event. But it turned into a gorgeous day. I had my first experience of setting up a vendor tent. I want to thank all my Tradition friends who helped with set up and tear down and everyone who stopped by.

4th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SING ALONG

What a fun time! Over 100 Tradition Club residents attended the singalong held Friday December 7th. Good food, good weather and good “voices” contributed to a fun time for all. We collected over 49 toys and \$33.00 for Toys for Tots. We were fortunate to have Jill Trinka again to lead us in song. And, of course, our residents!

A shout out with a special thank you for our volunteers

Reception: Merry Cotton & Monique Philips

Decorations: Jan & John Shepherd, Rita Gravittes & Pam Liposky

Grill: John McLaughlin, Al Carline & Sue Guzlas

Food/Servers: Mary Ellen Campbell, Ly Mayer, Patti Burghardt, Pam Liposky & Kathy Berko

Beverages: Sherry Robey

Santa & his Elf: John Bartha & Dawn Jones Day

Communications: Vince Franco

Songbooks: Willie Conway & Beverly Clement

Clean-Up: Glen Campbell and his merry elves.



We donated leftovers to our local Midway firemen who are always there to support us. Thank you for being the “greatest” residents - see you next year!

Debbie Moeller, Co-Chair
Mary Ellen Campbell, Co-Chair

