



Salt Pond Newsletter

Homeowner's Association



The President's Corner

Spring 2011



Dear Salt Pond Neighbors,

Our community is greening and flowering with the advent of spring. Our winter "Snow Birds" are returning, and it is good to see the Salt Pond come back to life.

Our major road repaving project is nearing completion well ahead of schedule thanks to all of the rain-free days we have experienced. There is little doubt that by the Memorial Day weekend the project will be completely finished. As a community, we owe a special "thank you" to Board members Jim Beachboard and Chuck Gularson. Both have spent the better part of a year orchestrating the repaving project. Chuck has been diligent using his financial experience to guide the loan application through the intricate banking system. Jim, with his engineering background, has had almost daily contact with Kerchner Engineering regarding the content of the bid package, the selection process, and with G&L contractors. We are most grateful, and fortunate, to have these two individuals donate their time and talents to our community.



The summer season is fast approaching and we will soon be experiencing an influx of renters and guests. Several years ago we sent you a checklist to provide for your guests so that the summer season in the Salt Pond is an enjoyable one for all. Please make sure you post a copy in your home for all to see. You can retrieve it from the website if necessary.



As you know, the state of Delaware no longer permits our trash collectors to pick up yard waste with the regular trash collections. However, we have contracted to have your yard waste collected once a month. The next scheduled pick up is for Thursday, May 12th. PLEASE put the waste out the night before pickup and not before. If you are not going to be here on that day, ask one of your neighbors to help.

We look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting on June 2nd at the Millville fire hall and please remember to vote.

Sincerely,

Gerry Buckley, President

To help your SPHA save on publication and postal costs, your SPHA **REQUIRES** your **SIGNED** permission to send future "Official Business" informational documents related to Salt Pond operations to you via e-mail. Please complete and return to the Salt Pond Business Office, 400 Bethany Loop, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

NOTE - WE MUST HAVE YOUR SIGNED PERMISSION ON FILE BEFORE THIS CAN BE EFFECTIVE.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Community Manager's Report



As you have already read elsewhere in this newsletter, the road repaving project is near completion and has certainly been the key focus these days. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of a number of your board members, we have an excellent paving company performing the work, and an equally qualified company supervising the project. And that certainly has made my job a lot easier. So far, there have been relatively few homeowner complaints. In fact, there have been many very positive comments not only about the excellent organization and diligent work of the paving crew, but also just fascination at the movement of the various machines. In addition, the Saltponder has been keeping homeowners informed with frequent schedule updates.



With the warm weather fast approaching, it is time to remind you again about lawn and yard maintenance. Under our covenants, it is the responsibility of homeowners to prevent the development of "any unclean, unsightly, or unkempt conditions, building or grounds" that "decrease the beauty of the neighborhood." Members of your Architectural Review Committee play a key role in monitoring this section, and frequently bring violations to my attention. Once I am advised, I follow-up by sending a notice letting you know that you have some work to do.

As you may be aware from previous notices, because of changes in the state law, we now have a separate pick up once a month for yard waste which must be either tied in bundles, or packed in biodegradable bags. That schedule also has been well distributed through our communications channels and is posted on our website. Please reference and follow that schedule so that you are able to place the bags in front of your house just before the pick-up date. The first pick-up went well and I'm hoping that pattern will continue.

In addition to recent changes affecting yard waste, another state law change will take effect in the fall making recycling mandatory. With the number of containment cans increasing, another covenant provision that will be getting closer scrutiny is the one that requires homeowners to provide a screened area to store "garbage receptacles, fuel tanks or similar storage receptacles" in order "to conceal them from view from the road and adjacent properties." Of course, many homeowners keep their trash cans in the garage. If you are not at your Salt Pond property following the scheduled pick-up day, please make arrangements with a neighbor to place your can in your concealed area. Again, your cooperation is very much appreciated.

On a lighter note, Best Aquatic has started preparing the outdoor pool for the reopening on May 28 for the Memorial Day weekend and the summer season. I look forward to seeing many of you who have been away for the winter, and I know you will be impressed with the improvements in your community with repaved roads.

Mary Davis

To Our New Neighbors



William and Dolores Algeo

from Boothwyn, PA

purchased lot 178 on Bethany Loop

John Andrews

purchased 38760 Skipjack Village, Unit #9

Joseph and Lucy Mignognandrew

from Vienna, VA

purchased 31926 Sailing Drive, Unit 12


*Farewell to old
friends*

Stephan Springer

**Your Salt Pond friends and neighbors will miss
you. We wish you well.**

Come back and see us when you can.

VOTE!!!

MEET THE CANDIDATES

VOTE!!!

(In alphabetical order)



Gary Clipp – 462 Bethany Loop: I have lived at Salt Pond with my wife, Carolyn, full time for ten years. Prior to retiring from a marketing position with IBM after 31 years, and moving here, I lived most of that time in Montgomery Village, MD, a planned community much like, but much larger than Salt Pond. Consequently, I thoroughly understand the planned community concept. Since moving here, I have been very active supporting an open, friendly neighborhood. To that end I have established communications within the community by reviving the Salt Pond Newsletter, making our website a resource of boundless information, and one of which the Salt Pond community can be proud, and establishing an efficient email program for electronic delivery.

Thanks to you, I have served on the BOD for the last three years. IBM taught me the value of teamwork, and I believe I have carried over that theme of teamwork to the SPHA BOD. There have been many positive changes in recent years; however, we continue to need new ideas when it comes to governing our community. I would like the opportunity to be a part of the team implementing more positive change over the next three years.

We need a Board that believes in openness, honesty, and candor. I pledge to continue to provide you just that, as I have done in the past, and I will work very hard to ensure the Board continues to be characterized by those values.



Chuck Gularson – 256 Oyster Shell Cove: My wife, Suzanne, and I have been homeowners in the Salt Pond since 1998. I retired from the consulting industry in 2008 where I specialized in installing financial, procurement, and administrative systems. I was Treasurer of the SPHA from 2006 – 2009 and have been Treasurer of the Golf Club since it was acquired in 2008. The Golf Club cash position has improved during my tenure as Treasurer of the Golf Club. I recently negotiated our position in the roads loan and saved over \$10,000 in closing fees. I worked with Jim Beachboard on the 30 year reserve study, which forecasts our capital improvement needs over the next 30 years. I monitor the budget vs. actual expenditures to ensure the financials come within budget. I am strongly committed to

continue to improve the Salt Pond's financial condition.

In addition to the financial aspects of the Salt Pond, I personally worked on the physical improvements to the Community Center Clubhouse and Golf Club Pro Shop, such as installation of the chair rails and crown molding and painting parts of the Center and exercise room. My goal is to continue to improve the high quality of life in the Salt Pond community.



Egelberto (Al) Preziosi – 447 Bethany Loop: My wife Patricia and I have been homeowners in the beautiful Salt Pond community since 2005.

After 31 years, I retired in 1998 from the J.C. Penney Corporation as a Divisional Merchandise Manager. Together with my staff of buyers, we were responsible for buying Men's Clothing for over 2000 stores nationwide.

I graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a BA in Political Science in 1965.

While living in Plano, Texas, I served as President of the Harrington Home Place Homeowner's Association. Currently, I serve as Vice President of the Bayside Tennis Club in Bethany Beach.

If I'm elected, I will work with the Board to continue to maintain the high quality of life that we experience in the Salt Pond.



Jeff Rupprecht – 714 Foxtail: My wife, Laurel, and I have been Salt Pond owners since December 2000. We built our current residence in February 2004, and since January 2008 have been full time residents of the Salt Pond. I am a retired federal employee, having served as an officer in the U.S. Army, and a civilian employee of the National Security Agency for a total of 39 years. I graduated from Bucknell University with a BS in electrical engineering and hold Masters Degrees from both Johns Hopkins University and the National War College of the National Defense University. During my government career I held a variety of management and leadership positions.

In private life I have been a member and officer of church administrative boards and served as a member and president of the condominium association of our previous residence in Norfolk, Virginia. In both professional and private life I have been known as a problem solver and for my ability to broker agreement among parties with differing interests.

As a Salt Pond resident and board nominee, I am dedicated to maintaining the quality of life at Salt Pond by promoting the sense of cooperation and caring which characterizes this welcoming community. I am also committed to assuring that our numerous facilities and amenities at Salt Pond remain in top notch physical condition, while continuing to hold our yearly assessments at a reasonable rate.



Paul Thompson – 417 Canal Way West

- Purchased lot August 1991 – Built house 1995 - Permanent Residence
- Served on Ponds & Wetlands Committee-Assisted Board's Environmental Attorney during ownership transition of open space.
- Assisted Board's Environmental Attorney in working with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Delaware

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control during establishment of the Environmental Easement

- Assisted Board's Attorney during purchase of Salt Pond Golf Course/Club
- Founder and owner of PMT & Associates, an Environmental Consulting firm in operation since 1987
- Prior to forming PMT was Chief of Industrial Water Pollution Control Enforcement for the State of Maryland
- Former Senior Warden and Endowment Trustee for St. John's Episcopal Church, Mt. Washington, Baltimore.
- Towson University-B.S. Biology, 1972 -- USMC 1965-1968

SPHA Treasurer's Report



Profit & Loss Statement

Income for the period January 1 through March 31, 2011 was \$2,862 under budget due primarily to trash and mowing assessments being less to date than budgeted.

Total expenses for the period were \$27,460 under budget. Legal fees to date were \$3,278 less than budgeted, and payroll and payroll taxes were \$3,503 under budget. Utilities, including trash removal costs were \$9,711 under budget, as were repairs and maintenance, \$6,675 and service agreements \$5,041.

In addition, other income was \$9,106 over budget.

The reserve account's budgeted expenses were \$57,501, however only \$34,237 was disbursed, the primary difference being \$33,164 for roads, and a charge to the reserve expenses for purchases of \$9,901

Overall for the period, net income was \$56,967 for the period.

Additional Information

For detailed financial information, interested SPHA members are welcome to review the Financial Reports on the website or at the SPHA Management Office. Finance related questions may be submitted via the "Contact Us" feature on the Salt Pond website (www.sphamembers.org) or by leaving a message with Mary Davis at the SPHA office.

Tom Anfinson, Treasurer

Recreation Committee Report



Outdoor Pool: The outdoor pool will open Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 10:00 am. Lap swimming will begin on July 1, 2011 from 9:00 – 10:00 am for only those 16 years and older. Swim diapers are required if your child is not potty trained. Swim suits must be worn by all ages. The indoor pool/spa will close for the season at 7:00 pm on May 27, 2011.

Summer schedule: Please check the website for the entire summer schedule for the pool and fitness center.

Fitness Center: There is a new four station Precor exercise machine which replaced the old one.

Tennis: The tennis courts are in great condition and ready for play. Please see the attendant for a key.

Guest and tenant passes: **Yellow** guest passes are available to the homeowners to use for their families and guests. **Blue** tenant passes are to be purchased and used by tenants in rental units. Homeowners who provide their rental visitors with their photo ID and **yellow** guest passes will lose their privileges.

Fourth Annual Family Pool Party: The party is scheduled for Saturday, July 16, 2011. Please mark your calendars. Volunteers will be needed. Check the website for more information.

Ann Crawford

SALT POND COMMUNITY



“YARD” SALE

DATE: Saturday, June 18
TIME: 8:00 a.m. - Noon
PLACE: Salt Pond Club House

Do you have **stuff** in your attic to get rid of?
If so, reserve a table for fun and profit at our

6th Annual “Yard” Sale!



Tables cost \$5 each and are reserved exclusively for Salt Pond owners, but our newspaper ads will insure that the general public knows about it. In the past, we've had hundreds of buyers shopping for "treasures" at our sale.

We have room for only 18 tables which are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so call or email ASAP to put your name on the list and more details:

Linda Regan 302-537-7585
Laurie Shelton 302-537-7588
laurie.shelton@longandfoster.com

Communications Committee Report



SPHA Email Program

Currently, we have a total of 593 email addresses reaching 495 of the 536 SPHA members. However, only 374 of the 495 have signed up for the **Email Program**. As you have heard many times before, the Board is asking everyone to sign up for this program to allow important, official business information be emailed to you. This will result in more efficient communications AND considerable savings to your SPHA. However, state law requires **we must have your signed permission on file in order to include you in this program.** **We know there are still over 120 of you who have email and can sign up for this program!** Please understand that just because you get unofficial updates and newsletters by email, does not necessarily mean you are signed up. For more information, call or email our community manager, at SPHAMgmt@SPHAMembers.org, 302.539.1283.

Take the time to fill out the bottom of the first page, following the Presidents message, and send it to the SPHA Office. You may mail, fax, or email your permission.

WWW.SPHAMembers.ORG

The SPHA Website is updated weekly with new information. **PLEASE visit the website regularly for updated information about your Salt Pond Community.** Too often homeowners call our community manager or a Board member for information that is readily available on the website.



On the Home page, "**HOT TOPICS**," contains lots of current information. There you will also find links to other important documents such as all BOD meeting minutes, newsletters, and financial reports on the "Homeowners" page. The SPHA Covenants & Bylaws, meeting minutes, committee and contact information, even transition documents, and much, much more can also be viewed on the website.

Facebook Update: Check out the new Salt Pond Homeowners Association Facebook page. One homeowner has a post that they are looking for a canoe, and another is looking for a summer renter. Go check it out!

Gary Clipp, Communications Chair

SALT POND WOMEN'S CLUB



The Salt Pond Woman's Club has had a successful 2010-11 year. We have 77 ladies in our current membership. In March a very informative program on Lyme disease was presented by Marilyn Williams. You may read more about it in this newsletter.

In April we had a well attended fashion show sponsored by Ken Cooke's Treasure Island shop. Narrator Shelly Malone allowed models Rosie Marks, Pat Milstead, Patsy Hawks, Ann Crawford, Fran Slahetka, Carolyn Clipp and June Thompson to "strut some lovely fashions."



Our May meeting featured a program by Brian Garrett the director of the Delmarva Discover Center. Later in May on the 19th, about 45 ladies will take a bus trip to visit the DuPont home, Nemours Mansion. There they will have lunch, and then tour the mansion and gardens.

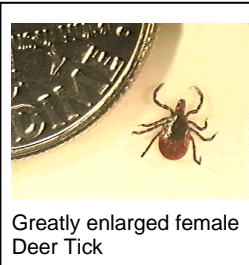
The final event of the year is our annual luncheon at the Lighthouse Sound on June 13th. It is open to any woman in the community. Contact Carolyn Watkins at 541-4713 or Sharleen Cappella at 537-6085 if you would like to join us.

We continue to support our community by volunteering. We decorate the Salt Pond Club and Community Center for the holidays. Cards, plants, and flowers are sent to those within the community who are ill or have had surgery. We will again provide hostesses for the house tour in support of the Bethany Beach Library which will take place on July 27th and 28th this year. You may sign up for this at the May meeting or call Marilyn Adams at 541-4773.

June Thompson, President

TICK Season is Upon Us

On Monday, March 7th, Marilyn Williams from the Lyme Disease Association of the Eastern Shore of Maryland spoke to the Salt Pond Women's Club. Her presentation focused mainly on Lyme disease, but she did leave information on other tick-borne diseases. In our area the ticks that can cause illness are the Deer or Black-Legged Tick (can carry Lyme, Ehrlichiosis, Babesiosis), the Lone Star Tick (Ehrlichiosis) and the Dog Tick (Ehrlichiosis and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever). Some of the facts are included in this article.



Greatly enlarged female Deer Tick



American Dog Tick
(Left to right:
female, male)

In 2010, Salt Pond residents Fil Ryan contracted Lyme disease and Loeda Stango contracted Ehrlichiosis. The Lyme Disease Association of the Eastern Shore of Maryland (LDAESM) was formed eight years ago and meets the last Monday of every month in Salisbury. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. The group is coordinating an effort to establish quarterly meetings in the future, possibly in Selbyville, to better serve the Delaware/Maryland beach areas. They can be reached by phone at 410-749-5963 or by email: lymedaesm@verizon.net

Prevention is the best medicine. Avoiding a tick bite remains the first step to prevention. There can be ticks wherever there is grass or vegetation, and tick bites can happen any time of year. Some of the recommended preventions for ticks are as follows:

- (1) Spray yourself when working in the yard;
- (2) Spray your clothes with DEET containing insecticide;
- (3) Wear long sleeves and long pants tucking pants into socks;
- (4) Wear light clothes in order to be able to see ticks;
- (5) Ticks need humidity so increase sunlight and reduce standing water in your yard;
- (6) Mulch 2 ft around the yard and treat the mulch; keep grass cut short;
- (7) Move play and picnic equipment away from trees;
- (8) Do a post-walk body check and learn proper tick removal.

There are a lot of websites available with information on ticks and tick borne diseases. Go to the Lyme Disease Association Eastern Shore of Maryland website www.lymepa.org for more information and additional links on the subject.

Proper Tick Removal: Do not squeeze, twist or wiggle the body of the tick, and do not burn or use any substance on the tick. Proper tick removal is to grasp the tick close to the skin with tweezers and pull the tick straight out. Use an antiseptic on the skin afterward, and disinfect your hands thoroughly.

Ms. Williams discussed the prevalence of diagnosed Lyme disease in Delaware, which currently ranks 1st per capita, and in Maryland ranks 7th per capita.



Brown Dog Tick
(Left to right:
female, male)

Based on information from the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society, ten tips to help prevent Lyme disease are:

1. Lyme disease is a nation-wide problem,
2. Be aware that ticks can vary in size from poppy seed to sesame seed size,
3. If you have proof, or a high suspicion, that you've been bitten by a tick do not take a "wait and see" approach,
4. Lyme disease rashes can be mistaken for spider bites or skin infections so ensure that a medical professional sees the rash before it fades,
5. Don't assume that you can't have Lyme disease if you don't have a rash,
6. Contact a doctor who has experience in recognizing Lyme disease,
7. Know your treatment options,
8. Be aware of similar conditions because Lyme is often misdiagnosed as another condition,
9. Don't be afraid to get a second opinion, and
10. Expect success and don't accept "watchful waiting" (the practice of stopping antibiotic treatment before you are well and then waiting for symptoms to clear on their own).

In summary try to prevent a tick bite by avoiding contact with ticks, but if you believe you have been bitten by a tick be your own patient advocate and seek out a doctor that specializes in Lyme or tick-borne diseases. Contact the organizations listed in this article for information, support groups, and Lyme disease doctors and specialists.

(Thanks to Pat Milstead and Loeda Stango for taking notes and providing this information to the Salt Pond Community)



Salt Pond Golf Club

The weather during the first quarter of 2011 was the usual mix of inclement weather, but the golf course weathered it well with the able assistance of Bruce Deforest and his winter staff. There were 635 rounds of golf played during the first quarter of 2011, as compared with 560 rounds during this same period in 2010. A total of 36 family and 30 single memberships have signed up for membership during the first quarter of 2011.

Operations: A revised rate card is in place for 2011, and may be viewed at our web site www.SaltPondGolf.com. We have a total of 16 tournaments scheduled this year; nine of these are sponsored by outside groups, and seven are for members and guests. The marketing committee has chosen several venues for promoting play at our golf course including the Bethany-Fenwick Chamber of Commerce publications, the Coastal Point paper, the Quiet Resorts Business Guide, and the Verizon Yellow Pages. We have also mailed promotional material to 3000 area residents, and we frequently contact Salt Pond residents and SPGC members via mailings and e-mail.

As in past years we will have a ranger program, and anyone interested in volunteering should contact our resident professional Art Whaley at 302.539.7525.

Maintenance: Activities included the installation of nonskid materials in several tee box areas, the modification of the Hole 5 tee box, snow removal, installation of the new irrigation pump, and the solicitation of bids to replace the Hole 10 bulk head.

We have also purchased 15 newer model golf carts to be included in our fleet of fifty operational carts. Bruce was able to negotiate the sale of 15 older carts which significantly reduced the overall net cost.

Birdies: This will be our second year self managing and operating Birdies, and we are fortunate to have Pat Milstead come back to manage after a very successful 2010. She will have a staff of eight; rehiring staff from last year, and interviewing for additional staff as needed. With the able assistance of resident Charlie Smith, we will be coming up with a selection of menu offerings using products from Wagner & Sons, Inc., who will continue to be our very capable product supplier. Pat and her staff will cater seven golf events this year, and any one interested in volunteering to assist during these events should contact Pat or Dick Crawford.

Dick Crawford
President, Salt Pond Golf Club

Financial Summary



Summary: The golf club revenues through March were much better than planned. The revenues ended at \$84,201, compared to a budget of \$72,250 for a positive \$11,957 in revenues over budget. The main revenue categories, Membership and Green/Cart fees accounted for most of the positive revenue over budget. Other Income contributed another \$10,724 in revenues; mainly due to the sale of aged golf carts. These carts were replaced with 15 new carts in order to continue to upgrade the cart inventory.

Expenses were \$141,662 compared to the budgeted \$134,629, which is \$7,033 over budget. Most of this overage was due to the purchase of chemicals and fertilizer planned for the second quarter. The overage in this budget category should even out by June.

The golf club is always negatively impacted by the winter months during the first quarter. The 2011 plan was that the golf club would lose \$36,309 in net income before depreciation during that period. However, the first three months actually ended with a loss before depreciation of \$20,430 for a more favorable loss than planned by \$15,879. This was due mainly to much better revenues than planned. This loss is planned to quickly turn positive as the golf club gets into the spring and summer months.

Capital Improvements: In the first quarter of 2011, the golf club acquired 15 golf carts, two utility vehicles, and a new mower. All capital items were acquired at a price lower than what was budgeted. The capital improvements and items still planned for 2011 are installing a new bulk head at Hole 10, a wash pad and filtering equipment at the maintenance area, a greens roller, an over seeder, and several sand trap improvements. These items were all included in the five year capital plan, which is updated annually to ensure there is sufficient cash to acquire capital equipment items when needed each year.

Detailed financial statements and the capital improvement plan are available in the management office.

Chuck Gularson
Treasurer, Salt Pond Golf Club



PLAY without devoting the day!



SALT POND SPOTLIGHT

Michael Headman, a retired principal, has been a full time resident of Salt Pond with his wife, Cynthia, for eight years.



We all know Michael for his work within the Salt Pond as a past Board Member, and chair of the Salt Pond Plaza Committee. But, did you know he has continued his focus on education by mentoring two children from Frankford Elementary School? One of these children he has mentored for five years, providing not just academic support, but personal guidance and emotional support as well.

Not one to have too much spare time on his hands, he also helps with the CASA San Francisco Brown Bag Program providing food to 130 qualified individuals by packing food into bags for these folks every two weeks, and delivering them. He has established relationships with many of his clients, who have come to rely on his assistance and social contact with them. Last year he started a book club for clients to bring and exchange reading material. This has grown into a regular book exchange and has created new social interactions and discussion.

He is also a member of the Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Wilmington Board of Directors where he is involved in coordinating charitable and social service programs. But, so as not to become bored, he has served as Vice President of the Beach & Cottage Tour for a couple years and wrote house reviews for the booklets. As a Board member of the FOSCL, Michael continues to volunteer during tour days by parking cars and selling raffle tickets.

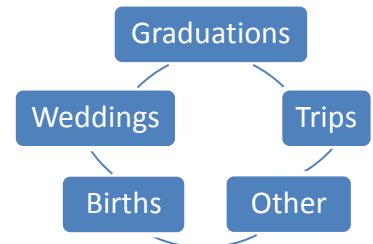
Michael can often be found walking, running, or biking in and around Salt Pond as part of his regular routine, picking up trash and debris along his route; he has been known to assist turtles and toads crossing the road. He has even adopted the 15th Hole and keeps up the flower garden at the tee.

In his leisure time he likes to do crossword puzzles, sudoku, reads, works out, plays tennis, and collects decoys and shore birds. When he does relax, it is usually with his BFF, Jersey. Oh, did I mention he is an avid Terp fan.



WOW, Michael, proud to call you my neighbor!

Salt Pond Personals



(Note: This is a new feature column for the Salt Pond Newsletter designed to bring our community closer together by helping us know one another just a little bit better. Please send your personal joy or event or news to Saltponder@mchsi.com.)

- Caroline Nealon, 626 Bethany Loop reports their daughter is graduating from Rider University in NJ.
- Gary & Carolyn Clipp, 462 Bethany Loop, attended the baptism of granddaughter, Isabella Marie Clipp, in Fairfax, VA.
- Welcome home to our Salt pond Snowbirds

Note: Please send in your personals for the next Newsletter before July 20, 2011.

Salt Pond Recycling



Beginning in February, Allied Waste (AW) began picking up recycling every other Thursday, at the continued same low cost of \$36 annually. **Please note the change in day to every other Thursday!** Therefore, recycling materials will be collected on 5/12, 5/26, 6/9, etc. To sign up for this service, each homeowner must call AW at 1-800-762-8888 and speak to Residential Customer Service.

If you were a former client of Delaware Solid Waste Authority, that service ended April 1, 2011. To continue your recycling collection, you will need to personally contact Allied Waste to subscribe.

YARD WASTE CHANGES: Please note that yard waste may no longer be included with your regular trash collection. Your BOD has established a new service to cover this for 2011. Yard waste will be collected on the first Thursday of each month that normal recycling is collected. Yard waste must be in biodegradable bags or tied up in bundles. **It may not be mixed** with your other recyclables. The next date for yard waste pickup will be 5/12.

(Print out the handy Salt Pond Recycling Calendar available on the SPHA website. It will help you to remember the dates for pickup. It also has an attached guide explaining what can and cannot be recycled.)



VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!!!

SALT POND



**SPHA BOARD INVITES
SPHA MEMBERS & FAMILIES
TO A FAMILY
POOL PARTY:**

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2011

POOL GAMES AND PRIZES

HOT DOGS, DRINKS, SNACKS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



PLEASE Remember ...

When your family and friends begin coming by the carload to visit you here at the beach, and you have too many guests for your driveway, the far left side of the parking lot at the Community Center may be used for your overflow parking. You may find it helpful to park one or more of your guests vehicles there for their stay, and avoid jockeying the cars around in your driveway.



VILLAGE NEWS

--- No News Reported ---

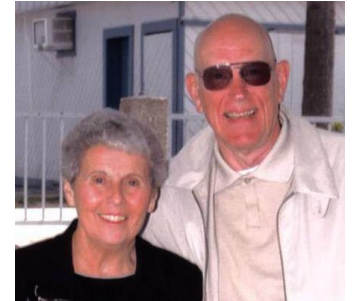


(NOTE: Once again no news has been reported from Mainsail, Schooner, Skipjack, Spinnaker, or Topsail Villages. I am still seeking someone from each of the Villages to take ownership and be a reporter for their Village. If interested, please contact newsletter editor Gary Clipp, by phone at 302.541.4349 or email at Saltponder@mchsi.com.)

VOLUNTEER SHOWCASE



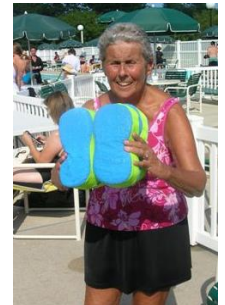
Jan & Bob Shaeffer, residents here for about 19 years, have teamed up to do wonderful things for our Salt Pond community.



Early on, they were asked by the Salt Pond developer to be part of a committee to develop a plan for the use of our recreational facilities, including the indoor and outdoor pools and tennis courts.

Since then they have worked tirelessly, for many years, keeping our facilities properly maintained and ready for the seasonal use by homeowners, guests, and renters. They always know what has to be done to get the outdoor pool ready for summer, and to get the indoor pool ready for the off-season. All the while spending many person hours cleaning the deck, the furniture, etc. to make everything ready for use by the residents. They were also instrumental setting up the guidelines for the use of the facilities, including the tennis courts. They didn't stop there as they then set up guidelines for the attendants who monitor the facilities and maintain them for homeowners and tenants safety.

Jan started the water aerobics program that still continues today (see the Activities page). She is also a great games planner for the Annual Family Summer Pool Party, and together she and Bob can always be counted on to organize and orchestrate activities for the young and old alike.



The two are active in the local AARP as well. Jan has organized the AARP arts and crafts fair at the Millville Fire Hall for the past two Memorial Day weekends. She and Bob are both very active members of the Mariner's Bethel United Methodist Church and often volunteer for many activities and events.

Have no doubt, they leave time to enjoy their children and grandchildren. And, Bob has been known to get in a game of softball or basketball in his free time.

Thanks for choosing the Salt Pond to "retire," Bob and Jan!

Fishing in the Salt Pond



Fishing is permitted in Salt Pond for residents, guests, and renters from dawn to dusk.

However, this permission is accompanied with certain restrictions and conditions regarding access. Fishing is only permitted in ponds that are on **common grounds**. In other words, any pond that does not bank on the Salt Pond Golf Course is a common grounds pond and as such, may be fished. Fishing is not permitted on golf course ponds when there are golfers on the course.

Because our "common area" ponds are environmentally protected in accordance with a DNREC enforced Conservation Easement (CE), homeowners and their guests are limited to activities that may be performed inside those "CE" areas. We are not to disturb any of the non-invasive vegetation within the "CE"; however, you may maintain access to the ponds via a pathway, not to exceed 3 feet in width. This path may not be paved, but may be covered with natural substances such as wood chips, pine shats, etc.

Of course, when the pond you wish to fish is adjacent to private property, common courtesy must be extended to the homeowners. You **may not** access a pond by entering and crossing over private property without first obtaining permission.

The use of kayaks/canoes are permitted as well; however, they **MUST** be removed and stored **OUTSIDE** of the "CE" zone. Please check the Salt Pond Covenants regarding permissible storage of watercraft not in use. (The Covenants can be found on the website www.sphamembers.org)

Our ponds are stocked with several kinds of fish. One species, which is commonly called "mosquito fish," is protected. These fish play a very important role in maintaining the environmental balance of the pond water, and as such are "catch and release". Of course, catch and release is the preferred way to fish our ponds.



License Fees (Not required for 16 and under or 65 and older):
Resident - \$8.50 for a general fishing license.
Non-resident - \$20 for a general fishing license;
\$12.50 for a 7-day fishing license (good for 7 consecutive days from the date of issuance).

Ponds & Wetlands Committee



Application to DNREC for installations of new Biologs for north side of "beach" area is progressing on schedule. We should have all approvals/permits by May 1, and installation to proceed soon after. This should protect the shoreline except for catastrophic storm forces.

Chris Brown



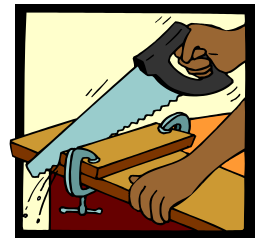
Dog Owners, PLEASE

Keep your dog on a leash at all times. Walk them in the streets or on common grounds, but **PLEASE keep them off private yards**. And please, please, please use a doggie bag and pick up after them.

Renters, please remind your tenants and homeowners, please remind your guests. To all Salt Ponders, please feel empowered to remind violators to pick up after their pets.

It's Spring!

And around Salt Pond that can only mean one thing. It is time to begin those fix-up projects you have been thinking about while wintering over at your favorite place, whether here in the Pond, or in Florida.



Whatever that project might be, please do not forget to get the appropriate **Architectural Control Approvals** when required. If in doubt, please call the SPHA Management office to check and get the necessary forms if needed, or go to Homeowner's page on the SPHA website and check the 2009 Architectural Standards Document.

You may be glad you did!



Golf Club

PLAY without devoting the day!

Opening Day Tournament

Saturday, May 21st

8:00 a.m. Shot Gun Start
Format: 4 person
Captain's Choice

Check Website or Call Pro Shop for Details
302-539-7525.

ON-GOING COMMUNITY CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

WATER AEROBICS

Water aerobics classes are back to the regular schedule of Monday through Friday.

8:00 AM



(\$1 per session surcharge for non-residents)

Contact: Jan Schaeffer, 537-4678

YOGA CLASSES

conducted by certified YMCA instructor.

Beginner to Intermediate Yoga –

\$6 fee per session

(\$1 per session surcharge for non-residents)



Wednesdays: Iris at 9:00 AM

Chair Yoga -

Wednesdays: Iris at 10:30 AM

\$6 fee per session paid monthly, in advance

(\$1 per session surcharge for non-residents)

Contact: Carolyn Clipp, 541-4349.

Carrie.Yoga@mchsi.com

LOW IMPACT AEROBICS

Thursdays at 8:30 AM

\$42 for 6 weeks (\$1 per session surcharge for non-residents)



Contact: Sharon Tweedie, 541-5462

FRIDAY FITNESS WITH ANGELA



Strength training using light weights & resistance bands, to tone muscles, build stamina, and increase energy!

Friday 8:00 AM

\$6/wk paid monthly, in advance, \$10 drop-in

(\$1 per session surcharge for non-residents)

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BUNCO

A group of 12 ladies meet the third Wednesday of each month from September thru June at 2:00 PM in the Salt Pond clubhouse and play Bunco.



Contact: Loeda Stango, 537-0123

BOOK CLUB

The Salt Pond Book Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. The meetings are held in members' homes. Contact Rosie Marks at 537-2901 for information concerning the book that is being read as well as the location of the meeting. There is also a notice posted on the bulletin board in the mail room. New members are always welcome.



PARTY BRIDGE



All levels of play, just for fun!

2:00 – 5:00 PM, 2nd & 4th Mondays, in the Community Center

Contact: Lois Howlett, 537-9581

COUPLE'S GOLF

9 hole scramble followed by a group potluck dinner in the Community Center or dinner at a local restaurant.



No reservation is required during winter months.

Arrive: 2:30 PM for 3:00 PM Tee Off:

Contact: Robert Poetsch, 541-5636

LADIES GOLF

Golf continues its schedule for: 18 hole Ladies on Wednesday. Arrive at 8:30 AM for a 9:00 AM start. Ladies playing 9 Holes arrive 1:00 PM for 1:30 PM start.



Call Pro Shop at 539-7525 by noon Tuesday to register.

Salt Pond Homeowners Association Board Of Directors

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