



The Cove

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Fall Events and Holiday Celebration

The year 2020 certainly is one to remember. For the Social Committee, we started the year with fun events in the clubhouse and then faced the unique challenges brought on by the pandemic — how to bring our community together while staying physically apart.

Our committee members Terry Buonomo, Pam Hester, Gene Howard, Muriel Lambert, Rachel Moran, Bonnie Reuscher, Ann Schiavone, Judy Tjiattas, Linda Vanarsdall, and Robin Virbickis showcased their creativity and ingenuity in producing events that enabled us to socialize and keep us safe. Thank you for your time, your spirit and your commitment to making Cummings Cove a wonderful place to live.

To welcome in the fall, we held two events. Sparked by the visiting elk from Cataloochee, we hosted a virtual **Cataloochee Tour** on Sept. 10. Led by Terry Buonomo and Karen Jarmon, the Zoom tour was presented by park volunteer guide Bill Pattison. Nearly 90 neighbors joined the informative tour.

On Sept. 26, we ventured outdoors with a Cove-wide **Poker Run**. Led by Ann Schiavone with support from the full committee, 60 participants traveled to five pick-a-card checkpoints around the Cove. At each stop, players had to complete a carnival-like challenge: corn hole toss, pitch a coin, beer pong (without the beer), hula hoop, and putting. The Social Committee arranged for the **Blue Collar Diner** food truck to be onsite so players and all residents could enjoy a tasty meal.

In October, our neighbors shared the fun of the season by decorating their homes for fall and Halloween. What a treat it was to see all the boo-tiful and spooky creations.

Festival of Lights

December is traditionally a time to celebrate the holidays with a more formal dinner dance. This year we are planning an outdoor **Festival of Lights** that will reflect the joy of the season while we continue to follow state safety and social distancing mandates. We'll gather on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 5:30-8:30pm in the Pro Shop parking lot for opening ceremonies on the pond, Christmas tree and menorah lighting, fire pits for s'mores, crafts to buy, and music to lift our spirits. Watch for details in emails, on Facebook, and flyers. Like all Social Committee events, the festival is for social members in good standing.



Social Committee Members and Volunteers

Social Committee members Pam Hester, Gene Howard, and Linda Vanarsdall are completing their terms on the committee this year. We thank you for your inspiration and dedication over the past several years. And we extend a warm welcome to our new members Mary Culp, Ed Movic, Mary Ellen Terradas, and Allison Violette. We thank our unofficial members — photographer and IT guru Lou Buonomo, announcer and general all-around helper Tom Virbickis, and soundman extraordinaire Paul Reuscher for their assistance.

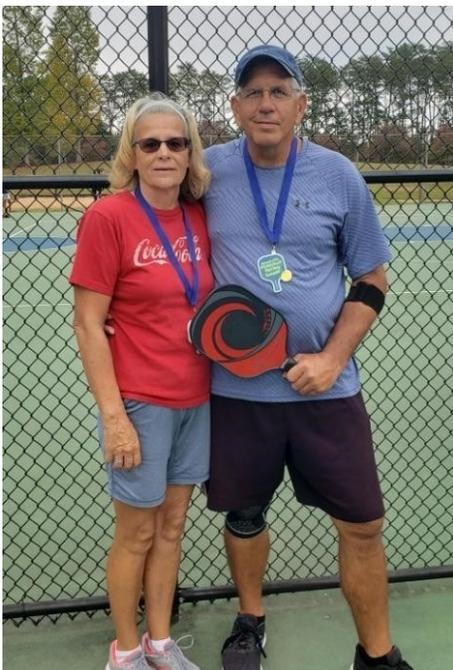
Send Us Your Comments

As the Social Committee plans for 2021, our goal remains the same — produce creative, fun and entertaining events that bring us together as a community while keeping us safe. Your comments are always welcome. Please contact Co-chair Karen Jarmon at karenjarmon@gmail.com or Co-chair David Jarmon at dcjarmon@me.com.

Pickleball News

Despite the extreme difficulties of 2020 which prevented our group from engaging in many of our usual activities, the Cove pickleball group had a highly successful year. Over 25 pickleball players played on our courts for the first time this year. Each week five of our group members led three instruction sessions for over 30 of our players at all skill levels. Many thanks to Don Stedman, Sandro Francioni, Tom Virbickis, and Bill and Nancy Rader for leading these sessions. Although instruction sessions have ended until next spring, hints and tips will be posted regularly on the Cummings Cove Pickleball Facebook page to advance the skills of all our players.

This year, our scheduled play days were expanded from 5 to 6 days per week on all four courts. In addition, Don Stedman organized Round Robin tournaments each month for up to 24 players. But still our players wanted more court time, so ad hoc play times were organized each week resulting in court use several times a day 7 days per week. All this activity directly supports the fact that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America!



Senior Games Tournament in Greenville

The Covid-19 virus caused the cancellation of nearly all the area pickleball tournaments this year as well as the local and state Senior Games. A group of Cove players did play in a tournament in Greenville, SC in October. Congratulations to Robin and Tom Virbickis for winning a silver medal in mixed doubles.

Hopefully, this year's winter weather will be mild enough to allow for continuation of outdoor pickleball play. All we need are temperatures in the 40s and sunshine to get out on the courts.



From November through March, our scheduled play times are planned for afternoon hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Invitations will continue to be sent through SignUpGenius. All changes to play schedules will be communicated through both email and SignUpGenius.

For more information about Cove pickleball or to be added to our communications and invitation lists or get access to our Facebook page, please contact Nancy Rader at bnrader@hotmail.com.

(Pictures: Robin & Tom Virbickis left and mixed doubles Teams: The Loandas and Vicbickises right).

Golf Member News

Congratulations to our 2020 Club Champions Charlie Hilleboe and Jane Young! Bob Conley won the Senior Men's competition and Cheryl Kent won the Ladies 9-hole competition. In addition, Gary Elam had a hole in one on #2.



(Pictured club champs with David Colip: Charlie Hilleboe, Jane Young, Bob Conley & Cheryl Kent)

Leagues:

Thanks to our league leaders for their ideas and flexibility to get us safely through a crazy year. The men's leaders will continue next year with Tom Loney & Mike Towns at the helm of the 18-hole league, and Roger Burgess steering the 9-hole league. Karen Carter and Judi Hilleboe will continue leading the 9-hole ladies league and Mindy Schult has replaced Tamera Elam as the 18-hole league leader. All leagues will continue to play on their usual days during the off-season.

Effective November 2nd, league start times will be:

Mon: 10 a.m. Men's 18-hole league
 Mon: 10:30 a.m. Ladies 9-hole league (front nine, starting on 6 & 7)
 Tues: 10:00 Ladies 18-hole league
 Tues: 10:30 Men's 9-hole league (front nine after the ladies)
 Wed: 10 a.m. Men's 18-hole league
 Wed: 10 a.m. Ladies 9-hole league (back nine)
 Thurs: 10 a.m. Ladies 18-hole league
 Thurs: 10 a.m. Men's 9-hole league (back nine)

Men's Cove Cup:

Team Pinnacle led by Roy Cox triumphed over Team Pisgah led by Wayne Schult in this annual 2-day event. Keeping up with this season's tradition of Holes-in-One in special events, Jim Riehl aced #13 on the 2nd day which added to the usual celebration and toasts.

Men's Interclub:

The Men's matches were interrupted by COVID 19 as matches with Kenmure CC and Cherokee Valley were cancelled this year. However, they did compete with Hendersonville CC at home and away coming out on top in the overall totals and retaining the Jones Gap Trophy. They also defeated Etowah Valley both home and away. The men played one match at Maggie Valley and are scheduled to compete at our course in late October. Thanks to Baird Blake for planning and organizing the matches in a very challenging year.

Carolina Ladies & Blue Ridge:

Due to the virus our entire Blue Ridge season was cancelled. In July we were the first club to host a Carolina Ladies event with restricted numbers. Two more informal events took place later in the season. Both competitive leagues hope to be back to normal next season. Med Stadtler has stepped down as our Blue Ridge representative and Julie Christianson will take over with assistance from Pam Goldsworthy. Jane Young will be continuing as our Carolina Ladies representative next year.

Member Events:

Participation continued to be strong with 72 members playing in the August 30th 9-hole scramble, with added excitement as Baird Blake scored a hole-in-one on #5 during the competition. Many thanks to the volunteers who stepped up to run the Closing Member Scramble & Dinner Event: Chris & Pam Pazoles, Pam Brascho, Denny Lang, Tami Valentine, Carol Cox and Bertie Woods.

CGA Tournaments:

Although COVID 19 wiped all the CGA events off the schedule from March through June, the CGA did a great job managing these events safely from July onwards. Tom Loney qualified in an individual event to play at the Pinehurst Tournament of Champions. Tom also scored a hole-in-one at Green Valley in a CGA competition. Thirteen ladies have or will be participating in CGA events this year with three ladies qualified so far for the end of season CGA Tournament of Champions in December at Kiawah Island. Sixteen members took part in the CGA event at Country Club of Asheville in July where Gary and Tamera Elam qualified for the Tournament of Champions in Pinehurst in January.

Congratulations Baird Blake Citizen of the Year

The 2020 Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Baird Blake on October 13th. Baird has served the community in numerous ways including being on the CCCA board for 5 years, 2 years as Vice President/landscaping board member and 3 years as President. Key to his board accomplishments was his leadership in keeping Duke from building a substation in the area and having large transformer towers coming right through our neighborhood. He rallied all our troops at various community meetings, met with Duke officials, took numerous press calls and met with local legislators on the issue.



Baird also is a regular volunteer in the golf community. He initiated the adopt-a-hole program where golf members help to keep our course gardens beautiful. He served as an ABOG member, is the current handicap chair for the golf club, and is the Men's Interclub leader. Baird also started the Crazy 3's Golf Tournament. Baird currently sits on the Henderson County Planning Board. Keeping Baird busy most days is his work on our new subdivision, Heron Pond where he serves as General Contractor and Partner. The Blakes have lived in Cummings Cove for 8 years.

The Victory Garden's Many Wonders



We're slowing down quite a bit at the garden now. Thanks to the abundance of Mother Nature and the extraordinary, tireless workers we have provided over 5,100 lbs. of fresh vegetables to the Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry clients.

It's been quite a year! Many of our resources for plants, fertilizers and other necessary items had difficulty getting their inventory, BUT the folks we work with never let us down. We're so thankful for their outstanding support.

We're thankful for your support! You, the Cummings Cove community have consistently supported the garden by making the plant sale a huge success, your volunteering meant we offer only the best veggies, and we love your encouragement, shown by the many visits to the garden to enjoy its beauty and appreciate the variety of plants being grown.

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Discoveries and surprises caught our attention this season. The milkweed shot up strong and proud, and we waited with anticipation for the coming Monarch caterpillars and butterflies. And they came! The pollinator garden blossomed with vibrant colors causing all of us to smile and be delighted.

Along came Peter Cottontail, who somehow came into the garden and set up residence under the shed! He left his mark – eating the sweet new lettuce leaves, hid under the cabbages, and was quite uncatchable. Perhaps a bounty is in order?

The clients are so appreciative of our community for they recognize the amount of work and care that we give to the garden, and in turn, to them. If you are interested in learning more about the garden and volunteering please contact Rod Hansen at rodphansen@gmail.com, Joani Robson at joanirobson@gmail.com, or Blue Haymond at brhaymond@gmail.com.



Activities Calendar September-October

Card games, dominoes, etc. won't be held for the time being until information comes out that it is safe to resume play. If you have questions about your specific games, please contact your game leaders.

Euchre, The Howensteins
937-470-7796

Shanghai
Cindy Kopperud-Tom Watson
813-1289

ABOG Meetings:

Nov. 12th
Dec. 8th

CCCA Meetings:

Nov. 17th
Dec. 15th

DRB Meetings:

Dec. 9th

Julie Quarles, social bridge
954-873-8116

Barb Metzgar, party bridge
863-632-2107

Mexican Train
Caryl Mobley
891-9709

Hand & Foot
The Sobkoviaks
595-9579



Who's Who 2021 Directory

Corrections and additions to the 2021 Directory are underway. Please go to cummingscove.com, and review your directory data. If it is correct, you don't need to do anything. If you submitted changes recently and you don't see them, they haven't uploaded yet. If you have changes, please email them to lynblake61@gmail.com. If you'd like to submit a photo please email that as well. Don't have a photo and want one taken; please email lynblake61@gmail.com and she can arrange to take your photo. If you are new to the community go ahead and send your data as the printed directory lasts a year. We need names, address, phones, email addresses and a landscape digital photo. Please don't text, Facebook or Facebook Messenger Lyn with your data. Once all corrections have been received and made there will be a final proof upload to our website for your final review. Watch for eblasts in your email or your email promotions folder.

Donna Sheline is Awarded Emeritus Citizen of the Year Award

Donna Sheline, former Cummings Cove Resident, was awarded for her 15 years of service on our various boards including CCCA, ABOG and DRB boards. Donna and her husband just moved back to Ohio this summer. Shannon Ginn, Cummings Cove Company Managing Partner, is sending Donna her Emeritus Citizen of the Year Award. Thanks to Donna for all her service to the community.





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Real Estate Market is Good

COVID-19 hasn't slowed down sales in Cummings Cove. The sale of existing homes and new construction sales is strong. Four homes in Mountain Top are in the construction phase and a few more are on the drawing boards. Existing homes throughout the Cove are selling quickly as well.

Sales at the Reserve at Heron Pond have been strong. To date there have been 6 duplexes sold, 2 cottages sold, and 5 single family townhomes sold. There are 35 homes planned .



The 2-story townhomes feature 2,600 sq. ft with 4 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. Additionally there is a great room on the 1st floor and a large family room on the lower level. Duplex townhomes have 1,650 sq. ft on one floor with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths and a large great room. Both home styles have large decks and a 2 car garage. Many homes have golf course and long distance mountain views. Prices range between \$375,000 and \$500,000 before upgrades.



The Golfview Townhomes Are About Ready for Sale. These townhomes are 1900 sq. ft with 2 bedrooms and 2 baths. They feature a large great room and covered deck with golf course and mountain views. Prices will range between \$495,000 and \$540,000. Currently there are 14 townhomes underway with 28 planned for the neighborhood. A model home has been completed. The Townhomes will be available for sale soon. The interiors of the homes come with a variety of cabinet and granite countertop options, oak hardwood flooring and carpeted bedrooms.

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