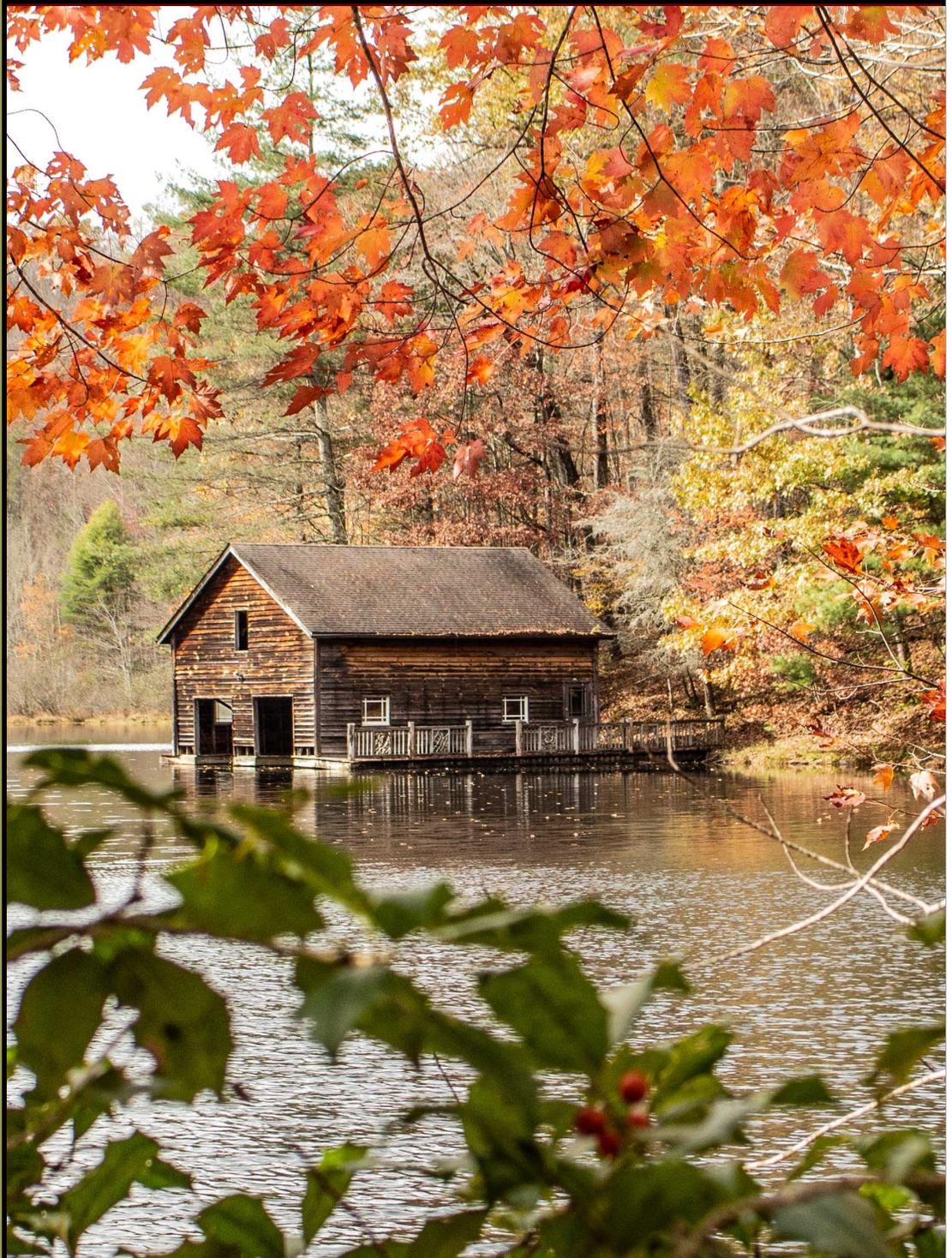




The Cove

Sept-Oct., 2020



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Games to Keep You Going

The summer and fall have always been lively here in the Cove. And we're planning to keep everyone's spirits lifted this year as we continue to stay safe while adhering to the state's pandemic mandates.



We had a blast on July 4th with a whimsical "Find A Bear" hunt that had us touring the Cove in search of stuffed animals, and a spectacular "America Proud" golf cart parade with 22 creatively decorated cart floats -- 10 in the judged group and 12 that were just for fun. The parade was led by Tom Brinkman, Cummings Cove Citizen of the Year. Cart parade winners were: Best Overall - Francioni family - "Essential Workers"; Most Original - DiGiovanni family - "Space Capsule"; Most Whimsical - Terradas and Bonfanti families - "Patriotic Pups"; and Best Representation of Theme - Silvius family - "Proud as a Patriotic Peacock." Thanks to all for being part of our Independence Day celebration.



In August, we tested our memory and mental agility on Trivia Night. Using interactive software, our daring friends and neighbors spent an hour playing a fast-paced, online trivia game. With 30 questions across multiple categories, and only 15 seconds to answer questions, it was quite a workout.

Welcoming Fall

To herald in the fall, we are planning a Cove-wide Poker Run for Saturday, Sept. 26. Participants will be challenged to gather the best poker hand as they travel to five poker pit stops to randomly select one card at each stop. Look for the details on how to play in email blasts and Facebook posts.



October events will depend on the status of the COVID-19 mandates and state guidelines. We will do our best to produce creative, fun events that bring us together as a community and keep us safe. Be sure to watch your email and Facebook posts for details on all Social Committee activities.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Karen Jarmon at karenjarmon@gmail.com or David Jarmon at dcjarmon@me.com. Your input is always welcome.

Pickleball News

Pickleball play has been going strong in the Cove this season. The courts are being used 7 days a week. Along with scheduled play times, players are setting up additional skills and drills sessions and arranging player specific play times. During regular scheduled play we are averaging 12 to 16 players on Mondays and Thursdays and 20 to 25 players on Tuesdays and Saturdays, our all level play days. Because of the high interest in Pickleball play this year, we have increased our skills and drills sessions to allow more focused attention on individual players. We now have 3 scheduled skills and drills sessions each week. Anyone interested in playing the game is encouraged to join.

Monday Novice Skills & Drills
 Wednesday Beginner Skills & Drills
 Thursday Intermediate S&D (3.0 & higher)

Instruction by Nancy & Bill Rader
 Instruction by Sandro Francioni and Tom Virbickis
 Instruction by Don Stedman



Thank you to all of the instructors for donating their time and expertise.
 Pictured above are the Novice Group and the Beginners Group.

Round Robin Results and Upcoming Dates:

Our first Round Robin event of the year was held on July 4th. There were 24 participants, competing in 4 skills levels. It was a fun way to help celebrate the 4th of July and everyone had a great time. Congratulations to the winners! Group 1: Leigh Stewart, Group 2: John Landovsky, Group 3: Karen Stedman and Group 4: Ross Terradas. We have additional Round Robin events scheduled on Tuesday, September 8th and Tuesday, October 13th.

Scheduled play for September & October will be as follows:

Monday	Lower Courts	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Novice Skills & Drills
	Lower Courts	10:00 a.m. – Noon	Novice Play
	Upper Courts	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Intermediate Play (3.0 and higher)
Tuesday	Upper Courts	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Open play, all levels
Wednesday	Lower Courts	9:00 a.m.-10 a.m.	Beginner Skills & Drills
	Lower Courts	10:00 a.m.-Noon	Beginner Play
Thursday	Lower Courts	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Intermediate Skills & Drills (3.0 & higher)
	Lower Courts	10:00 a.m. – Noon	Intermediate Play (3.0 and higher)
Saturday	Upper Courts	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Beginner/Novice Play
	All Courts	9:00 a.m. – Noon	Open play, all levels

If you have any questions about the play schedule, how to sign up for pickleball, additional fall events, or communications, please contact Nancy Rader at bnrader@hotmail.com.

Golf Member News

Member Events

Member golf events have continued to be very well attended this year and we have been mostly lucky with the weather! Seventy-three members played in the June 19th 18-hole Member Scramble which replaced the Member-Guest, and 48 members participated in the July 4th Flag Tournament. The Member-Member event on July 22nd and 24th had seventy-six players. We had a full field for the Crazy 3's tournament on August 9th, with most staying to watch the exciting play-off hole between Mike Herrick and Cal Violette hitting from the hillside above the upper parking lot across the trees and Bogey lake to the 10th green!

Watch your email for details on the Season-closing Member 18-hole scramble event in October.

Ladies Golf

The Cove Ladies hosted a fun day for 42 Carolina Ladies on July 7th, which was very much appreciated by the ladies from the other area clubs. The Ladies Cove Cup on August 4th saw 36 ladies compete under the leadership of Caryl Mobley for the Fairway Foxes and Billie Riddell for the Cove Cougars. Billie's Cove Cougars narrowly won the day.



League closing events will be held on October 7th for the 9-hole ladies and October 22nd for the 18-hole ladies. More details to come.

Julie Christianson has again coordinated the drive across the ladies golf leagues to collect school supplies for Etowah Elementary, which are much appreciated by staff and students.

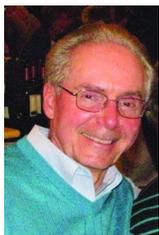
Men's Golf

The men continued their undefeated season by completing a clean sweep of Etowah Valley by winning both home and away matches by more than 10 points!

The men will hold a BIG 10/SEC Challenge match on September 3rd. We are expecting about 40 players in this bragging rights match.

Six Holes-in One!!!

June and July saw an explosion of Hole-in-Ones starting with Tom Brinkman on June 5th followed by Bertie Woods on June 7th. June 21 was a special day with both Jane Young and Billie Riddell getting aces! And then Billie did it again on July 9th. Sally Gauntlett kept the ladies trend going on July 18th.



Hiking Report

Due to Covid-19, the interest in large group hikes has diminished a great deal at Cummings Cove. I am going to use this period of low interest to step away from the role of hike coordinator; hence, no hikes are planned for the future. If there is anybody out there who may want to take on this role when the Covid-19 issue dissipates then please contact me with your interest. For those smaller groups, couples and individuals in CC that are still hiking, I am including some links to resources on hikes that may be of value.

carriageparkhoa.org/hikePhotos.php
brendajwiley.com
conservingcarolina.org

highcountryhikers.org
hikewnc.info
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Victory Garden

There's a lot to talk about the Dog Days of Summer lately, you know, the hot, sultry summer days of July & August. The days when it's hard to be outside, hard to exercise outside, hard not to glisten in the heat. But even in this heat there's an abundance of energy and joy at the Cove Victory Garden. That's right . . . energy, laughter, bags heavily laden with fresh veggies for our neighbors.



At 8 a.m. almost every morning you will find teams at the garden planting, harvesting, weeding, and sharing ideas about growing the best veggies for the Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry, located at the Etowah United Methodist Church. So far this year we've provided close to 4,000 lbs. to the pantry! Albert Lyons, Director of Fishes & Loaves, commented recently that without our Victory Garden contributions the pantry would not be able to provide such high quality and diverse vegetables. Clients are constantly expressing thanks and gratitude.

The Victory Garden is definitely a labor of love, even if it is the Dog Days of Summer! Come on by and check it out, and learn how you can make a difference in the lives of your neighbors.

Members of the Cataloochee Valley Elk Herd Have Found Their Way to the Cove

(information from Maggievalley.org., photos from Lou Buonomo)



Most elk are located in the Cataloochee Valley area in the southeastern section of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. While the best times to view elk are usually early morning and late evening, elk may also be active on cloudy summer days and before or after storms. As the elk have begun to migrate out of the park you can frequently see elk in and around Maggie Valley.

The Elk Seasons

Winter: Elk wear a two-layer coat during the colder months. Long guard hairs on the top repel water and a soft, woolly underfur keeps them warm. Elk may move from the high country to valleys to feed.

Spring: Most elk shed their antlers in March. The antlers, which are rich in calcium, are quickly eaten by rodents and other animals.

Summer: Most calves are born in early June. Male elk roll in mud wallows to keep cool and avoid insect pests.

Fall: The elk's fall breeding season is known as the rut (mid September through the end of October). The mating call of bulls is called a bugle and can be heard during the breeding season. During the rut, male elk make bugling calls to challenge other bulls and attract cows. Dominant bulls use the fields to gather and breed with harems of up to 20 cows. Bull elk actively defend their territory by charging and sparring with competitors using

their antlers to intimidate and spar with other males. Encroaching too close may lead a bull to perceive you or your vehicle as a threat causing them to charge.

Safety

When elk are present, federal regulations require that you remain at least 150 feet away and at a distance that does not disturb them. Failure to do so can result in fines and/or arrests. Even if the elk are not present, people are not allowed to walk into the fields.



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.



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

Double Pinochle & Shanghai
Sandy Weeks
551-0711



ABOG Meetings:
September 8th, 3 p.m.
October 13th, 3 p.m.

CCCA Meetings:
September 15, 3 p.m.
October 20th, 3 p.m.

DRB Meetings:
September 23rd, 3:30 p.m.
October 28, 3:30 p.m.

Fitness News

Swimming Pool News

The Cummings Cove pool and hot tub will remain open until October 1st. The heated pool will remain a comfortable 84 degrees as the cooler days of fall begin to arrive. Water aerobics will continue on Monday/ Wednesday at 10 and Thursday at 11 through September.

Bocce

Join your fellow members for Bocce on Saturday evening at 7pm. The time may be adjusted as the days get shorter and cooler. Contact Carol Makowiecki at Carolmak@frontiernet.net to sign up.

Tennis

Tennis continues on Tuesday and Friday at 9am. Contact Tim Dixon at tdixon@cummingscove.com to get on the tennis email list.



Massage

Mandi Maskell is available for massage at the Sports Center. Mandi gets rave reviews from her regular clients. Contact Mandi at 828-553-8279 to book an appointment.



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Design Review Board News

1. Periodically the DRB members will conduct property visual reviews. We commend residents for keeping our community pristine and beautiful.
2. We are pleased to announce a change to the Cove Guidelines pertaining to vehicles. Golf carts are now considered a vehicle. There is a maximum of two vehicles permitted to be parked in a driveway. With this change, one of the two vehicles can be a golf cart.
3. The DRB has an email address now so that residents can contact the board for required approvals. If needed, contact designreviewboard@cummingscove.com.



Community Blood Drive Was A Great Success

At the end of July we had a community blood drive where we saw 59 donors, and we had 4 deferred donors. We were able to collect 54 pints of blood for the day. The blood collected will help up to 162 hospital patients in need of lifesaving transfusions. We had 47 first time donors with the Blood Connection as well. Thanks to all of the donors and everyone else that helped make this event possible.