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## Blackmoor Property Owners Association

### Message from our President

The focus of this month's column is alligators. With the advent of warm weather, these reptilian ancestors of the dinosaurs seem to be visible in many of the bodies of water that abound in both the Blackmoor Common Areas and the Blackmoor Golf Course.

Recently some homeowners have requested of the Board of Directors that the gators be "harvested" (trapped and killed) while others have come forward and insisted that the alligators be left alone. Obviously, there is no happy medium.

The Board has moved ahead

and obtained a permit for removal of alligators if the need were to arise. Further, the Board President has been given the authority to use his discretion to have a gator removed if the situation warranted it. In the meantime, the Board has obtained alligator warning signs that have been placed adjacent to locales where the animals reside. For now there is no further action planned.

Perhaps the most significant danger as it relates to gators is an inadvertent offshoot of people feeding local wildlife. Most residents are aware that it

is illegal in South Carolina to feed alligators. However, when one feeds the ducks, geese, turtles, fish, etc. that reside in our ponds and lakes, alligators may be attracted to this same area. Excess food in the water and/or food that drifts to the bottom of the ponds can lure gators as easily as bait lures fish to a hook. Once the gators learn of a good feeding spot, they claim that territory.

The Board will continue to monitor this situation.

*Stu Schnur, President POA*

### Message from the Newsletter Committee

We hope that everyone is enjoying the Dog Days of summer! According to [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org), in the northern hemisphere, Dog Days fall between early July and early September. Dog Days designate heat, stagnation, or lack of progress. In case you are wondering where the term originated, Wikipedia tells us that "the name comes from ancient belief that Sirius, also called the Dog Star, was somehow responsible for the hot weather." It would seem

that the dog gets blamed for everything!

Cool off at the pool, where you can chat with friends and meet neighbors with whom you might not already be acquainted. Give the tennis courts a shot, but you might want to go early in the day to beat the heat. Even on a sultry day, walking along the edge of the water at the beach is ordinarily refreshing. Stay hydrated, and watch for the rapidly approaching storms that seem

to creep in out of nowhere. Golfers, walkers, and anyone spending time outdoors need to be cautious. Don't think that you could never be a victim of a lightning strike. The good news is—it's very unlikely that we will ever have to shovel snow!

*Mary Anne Benedetto  
Sandi Blood*

## Meet the BOBER Family



Brand new residents, Doug and Nancy Bober, had been vacationing in the Myrtle Beach vicinity for approximately ten years and stayed in Pawleys Island at Litchfield by the Sea. They had always dreamed of retiring in the Grand Strand area, and while they were golfing here in October, 2009, they saw a home in Heritage that they loved. Before getting too serious, they thought they should sell their house in Johnsburg, Illinois. It sold in three months; however, the house they loved in Heritage, which had been on the market for three years, was purchased by another buyer while the Bobers had their home for sale.

Returning to the area in March, 2010, they looked at available homes all over the Grand Strand and nicknamed each one to differentiate between



## Sparky Haddle

Meet Sparky, who lives with Bill and Diane Haddle.

Sparky likes to ride around Blackmoor in his golf cart.

If you happen to see him riding by your house – give him a big Blackmoor wave!

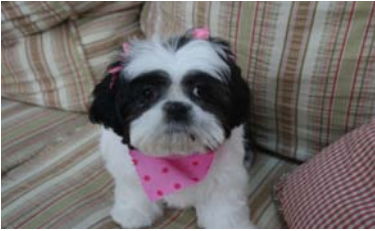
them. Because the home that they toured in Blackmoor had a turret in front, they had named it "The Castle." Although seriously considering another house, Nancy's favorite was the home in Blackmoor. She said, "I want to live in the castle, so I can feel like a princess!" They now know it was a "meant to be"... experiencing their new life in this wonderful Blackmoor community. With grandchildren in Illinois, Nancy intends to be a regular at the Myrtle Beach International Airport.

The Bobers are the proud parents of daughter, Kelly, who is married to Jason, and lives in Cary, Illinois with daughters Katelyn, age four and Karalyn, age two. They are equally proud of their son, Doug, Jr., who lives in West Dundee, Illinois, with his wife, Laurin, their son, Andrew, age four and daughter, Allison, age two...and who are expecting their third child in January, 2011.

While living in Johnsburg, Illinois, Nancy was a documentation associate with Baxter Healthcare in Round Lake, IL, and Doug was a truck manager for Gary Lang Chevrolet in McHenry, IL. Nancy also taught aerobic dancing and is anxious to get back into her exercise routine after the whirlwind of moving from out of state. Doug enjoys sporting clays, hunting pheasants, and fishing (and is looking for partners). If you see someone driving through the neighborhood in a yellow 1968 Corvair convertible, be sure to wave at Doug!

Early retirement was a sudden decision for Doug and Nancy, and they refer to it as "our turn". They have been married for 39 years and have spent most of those years waving hello and goodbye to each other, due to their conflicting work schedules. Most free time was spent with their children and grandchildren. They love golf and are anxious to participate in their favorite sport year round. We know they have landed in the best possible location! Watch for a future invitation for the entire Blackmoor community to participate in an adult karaoke session, utilizing the 1900's player piano that the Bobers moved with them to their new home. We wish them many years of happiness in the neighborhood!

## Sophie Dee Shannon



This is Sophie Dee Shannon, born November 15, 2009. She came into Ray and Susie's lives in January and they just love her so much. She is great company and the best dog ever !!!!! Sophie loves other dogs and people and makes their lives complete...so stop by any time and say hello and get a kiss from Sophie !!!!

## Smorgasbord for the Wildlife

Ah...cute little Bambi with big brown eyes, delicate limbs, and teeth that can strip shrubs, bushes and flowers of every leaf and petal. The humane side of us is aware that they need to eat, but the homeowner side finds naked and gnawed shrubbery, along with the presence of droppings, to be a serious nuisance!

According to the Clemson Cooperative Extension web site, [www.clemson.edu/extension](http://www.clemson.edu/extension) (type "wildlife control" in search box and choose HGIC 2362), the following are suggested methods for controlling the landscape-eating deer:

- **Physical exclusion**-fencing, which can be cost prohibitive and also not in accordance with POA regulations
- **Habitat Modification**-references limiting the animal's access to sources of food, which doesn't work with regard to deer unless you chop down your shrubs and flowers
- **Repellents**-Objectionable-tasting coatings or odor repellents may deter the deer from feeding on your plants, but they can become accustomed to the smell or taste and resume munching. Also, repellents must be reapplied following rain or heavy dew.

- **Frightening**-Bells, whistles, horns, clappers, sonic emitters, and audio tapes could be used to scare a nuisance animal away. Used with frequency, however, these methods become ineffective.

In the Home & Garden article, How to Keep Deer From Eating Your Plants, [www.helium.com/items/149284-how-to-keep-deer-from-eating-your-plants](http://www.helium.com/items/149284-how-to-keep-deer-from-eating-your-plants), Jacqueline Singer recommends the following:

- **Commercial sprays**-Hinder and BGR-Big Game Repellent
- **Tallow based soaps**-Hang them in an old stocking or mesh bag from the branches of the targeted tree or shrub. Area of effectiveness is small and this works to protect a specific tree or plant.
- **Blood meal**-Deer are repelled from the smell of blood. Blood meal must be reapplied after rain and can add excessive nitrogen to the soil if used extensively. The odor is also offensive to humans.

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- **Companion planting**-Plants that repel deer are Iris, Lilac, Foxgloves, Delphinium, Clematis, Boxwoods, American Holly, Barberries, Columbines, and Colorado blue spruce. They aren't crazy about aromatic herbs such as rosemary. Planting herbs or iris plants at the base of trees that the deer have targeted can be helpful. Deer LOVE Roses, Azaleas, Impatiens, Hostas, and Crabtrees.
  - **Urine**-Urine based deer repellents may be helpful, but reapplying is necessary every couple of weeks or following a heavy rain. Just a hint-it's also rather disgusting while you are spraying.

Ms. Singer added that "no method is 100% effective". Good luck!!

## Sweetie Warrick



This is "Sweetie", a 12 year old African Grey Parrot, who lives with Scott and Joelle Warrick. They indicated that, "He loves to sing and whistle. And he loves to sit on our porch and listen to

the birds in our yard. He loves to say 'Daddy's Home' and 'Peek-a-boo'. And he will dance for a peanut."

## Meet the LESTER Family

For many years, the Lesters locked the doors of their Bowie, MD home and vacationed in either the Grand Strand area or Daytona Beach. People used to call Dottie "Miss Daytona" because she enjoyed vacationing there. They had considered moving to FL, but didn't want to live quite that far from their daughter, Danita, son-in-law, Somchai, and grandson, Derek. After looking from one end of the Grand Strand to the other, they came across the Blackmoor community in its infancy, moving in during May, 1999. They had hoped to be in by May 19, their anniversary, but a few days later they were unpacking in their new home.

Dan and Dottie have been married for forty-eight years, and their grandson, Derek recently took the plunge, marrying Laura in May, 2010. The Lesters are retired and enjoy movies, reading, taking long rides, their Persian cat, Powder Puff, and the wild life on

the lake behind their house. Dottie loves to sit outside on the patio, watching the egrets and feeding some of the birds, having pet names for the mocking birds, Carolina wrens, and cardinals that regularly visit her. She also likes to cook and bake. Dottie said, "Danny is the master at fixing almost anything. It's hard to convince him to buy something new since just about everything that breaks can be repaired by him!"

Prior to retirement, the Lesters were incredibly busy people. Dan worked for NASA, and he and Dottie owned Hair Mechanics, four hair salon locations with approximately 75 operators, and a makeup company called Danyel's Cosmetics. Although they didn't utilize the services of a cleaning person for their home, they owned Maids, Inc., as well as a charter boat business. The "Danita Marie" was a beautiful sailboat that they kept in an Annapolis marina. Though they chartered it out to others, they

did have the opportunity to use it periodically.

Because of the businesses they owned, Dottie indicated that she could write a book about all of the interesting people she met along the way. She and her employees did makeovers for brides, styled the hair of Brenda Lee, the Platters, and Jeannie C. Riley. She had one customer who was the paramour of Dean Martin, who had set her up in an apartment, and the entire matter was hush-hush.

The Lesters love living in Blackmoor because their neighbors are great, the doctors are good, stores are so close and convenient, and Dottie is quite a fan of the beach. "When people tell me that the sun isn't good for you, I say I'm going to be tan in my coffin!"



## Blackmoor Segway Adventure

On Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, several residents all gathered at the Myrtle Beach Segway company at Market Common, to participate in a "group ride". After each person selected their helmet (safety first!), they then listened to instructions given by Eric, one of the managers of the company. Following the instructions, one person at a time was handed a Segway and sent on his or her way.

The riders were tentative for the first few seconds, until they slowly realized that the two-wheeled machine was computerized to balance the

person. Once they got used to the balance, most started out in "turtle speed" – limited to 8 mph. It was soon evident that they needed to get out of turtle speed and fly along the walkways on the Segway up to 12 mph.

Unfortunately, the rain did dampen their travels, so the allotted hour was cut short by half. The company graciously gave all participants a rain check for the remaining thirty minute ride.

Thanks go to Jack Christiano, who was instrumental in

bringing this fun activity to the Social Committee's attention. All involved are anxious for the next outing. We are hoping to work again with Myrtle Beach Segway and plan an outing to Huntington Beach or Vereen Memorial Gardens. The company is also considering a Segway Scavenger Hunt, which could be a lot of fun (once the weather gets a bit cooler).

Watch your calendars for the next fun ride.



Some Blackmoorians on their Segways...

## Blackmoor Travelers Golf

The Blackmoor Travelers returned from a great three day golf package in Pinehurst, NC. Fifty-one avid folks survived what was probably one of the hottest weeks so far this summer. We played three very scenic courses, with rolling hills and deep sand traps - a bit different than what we are used to seeing on golf courses here on the Grand Strand. Many good stories and memories will be left on the 19th hole from three days at Pinehurst. Talk has already begun about next year's outing.

In July, we returned to our

summer schedule on Wednesdays, playing both Myrtlewood and Legends. With all the activity going on at many of the local courses, as well as the hot weather, we will take the month of August off. Hopefully, the fall season will be a bit cooler. (Between traveling to Florida and Pennsylvania for business purposes, the month of August will pass quickly)

Sue and I thank you for all your support over the past seven years, keeping the Blackmoor Travelers together every week.

As you all know, there are many hours involved daily with phone calls and scheduling required when planning activity within the Grand Strand for our homeowners.

We're hoping the fall season will stimulate enough interest to continue our Wednesday Golf for more of the Blackmoor Travelers. Keep your eye on your e-mail and be sure to check out the Blackmoor Website under the Golf page.

**Dick Trythall**



## Calendar of Events in and around Blackmoor

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**August 14, 2010** – *South Carolina's Largest Yard Sale* at Myrtle Beach Convention Center Exhibition Hall. 7:00 am-2:00 pm.

**August 21, 2010** – *Beach Babies Kidsale- a Semi-annual Children's Consignment Sale* at Inlet Square Mall. 12:45 pm

**September 11, 2010** – *Celebrating America's Heroes* at Dead Dog Saloon. Day long benefit with food, fun, music and raffles. Call 843-651-0664 for more information

**September 24-26, 2010** – *35<sup>th</sup> Annual Atalaya Arts & Crafts Festival*. Call 843-237-4440 for more information

**October 1-3, 2010** – *Oktoberfest* at Valor Park at Market Common

**October 9-10, 2010** – Italian Fall Festival at Broadway at the Beach. 11 am-7 pm. 903-0475

**October 16, 2010** – *Covered Dish Party at Blackmoor POA Clubhouse*. Watch for details in September

**October 18, 2010** – *10<sup>th</sup> Annual Lip-Rippin' Chilympics Chili Cook-Off* at Spuds waterfront October 22-24 & 29-31

**October 22-24 and 29-31, 2010** – "Lost in Yonkers" at Murrells Inlet Community Theater. 651-4152

**October 23, 2010** – *Wine Festival* at Valor Park at Market Common. Fun, food and wine from several vendors.

**December 18, 2010** – *Blackmoor Annual Christmas Party* at Inlet Affairs