

Blackmoor Bytes

Blackmoor Property Owners Association

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Message from our President

Driving into Blackmoor this morning, it was easy to note that "spring is in the air." Lawns are turning green, flowers are in full bloom, garden beds have been freshly mulched, and the trees have blossomed. At the same time, however, the few yards that have not been maintained appear to stand out like the proverbial "sore thumbs." Although almost all of these eyesores have come about as a result of properties falling into default, it is the POA's responsibility to see that these properties are attended to. If violations notification letters related to this are not responded to by the property owner by remedying the failure to maintain the property, the board sub-contracts with our

landscaper to mow the lawn, clean up yard debris, and the like. Subsequently, the property owner is fined and charged for the services. If remuneration is not made, a lien for recovery of costs is filed against the property. Once the property changes hands, the liens are recovered. In this manner, the board attempts to maintain the high quality and standards of the community.

On behalf of our community, I would like to thank the Buildings and Grounds Committee for their work this spring. In addition to bringing our pool up to newly required safety standards, they have attended to refurbishing the tennis courts and our street and traffic signs, overseen a

transition to a new landscaping company, worked on re-stocking Bass Lake, taken care of replacing trees, and completed landscaping at the clubhouse. I can't imagine where we would be without the committee members' untiring efforts.

Please don't forget that we are always seeking volunteers to serve on our various committees. If you have any interest in doing so, please contact a board member. Your involvement will help to maintain the high quality of our exceptional community.

Stu Schnur, President

Message from the Newsletter Committee

Our sunny, hot summer is just around the bend, and although some folks escape to cooler sections of the country during this season, this is a fabulous time on the Grand Strand. With many activities from which to choose, company to

entertain, plentiful outdoor dining opportunities, a variety of regular and mini-golf venues, and the ocean at our doorstep, we hope that you'll step right out of your air conditioned comfort zones and venture forth to explore some of the amazing

entertainment and community events that our area offers. We wish you an extraordinary summer season!

Mary Anne Benedetto and Sandi Blood



Ed and Sandy on the
Blackmoor Golf Course

Meet the HESS Family

This issue must be in honor of former Hagerstown, Maryland residents. Ed and Sandy Hess have vacationed in the Grand Strand area for over twenty years, but ordinarily stayed in North Myrtle Beach near Barefoot Landing. One year, they vacationed in Litchfield, but added an excessive number of miles to their vehicle because they were running back and forth for their activities. Once they saw the Blackmoor development, they had a special feeling about it and scouted the neighborhood for a lot. The location they fell in love with was not for sale at the time they were investigating, but miraculously appeared on the market during one of their subsequent visits to the area.

Purchasing the lot in 2004, they began building their home in 2008, and moved in on July 13, 2009. Before actually relocating, Ed and Sandy had become acquainted with several Blackmoor residents during their

visits, making the transition smooth and easy. They said goodbye to Hagerstown after living in the same house for thirty-eight years. Ed said that they have taken a lot of heat from Maryland family and friends about moving here because this past winter in the mid-Atlantic states was brutal, receiving over sixty inches of snow.

Ed has known Tom Myers from the banking industry in Hagerstown for twenty-five years. He had worked for thirty-four years at the Susquehanna Bank, formerly known as Farmers and Merchants Bank, while Sandy spent thirty-one and a half years as a secretary at the Washington County Board of Education. Ed was a Washington County Parks and Recreation Board member, was on the Agriculture Advisory Board, and was involved in fundraising for the United Way and the Boy Scouts for many years.

They have one daughter, Krista, who resides in Hagerstown and one cat, Rascal, who rules the roost here in Murrells Inlet. They also have a special relationship with three grand nieces.

Both Ed and Sandy are golfers and readily joined the Blackmoor Golf Club. Sandy also likes to do some basic crocheting and knitting. Years ago, they were avid skiers and took several ski trips out west. They are die hard University of Maryland sports fans, having held season tickets to cheer for the Terps in football and basketball for over twenty years.

What they enjoy here is the friendliness and warmth of the people, as well as the weather. From their sun porch, they can observe the golfers on the ninth hole from tee to green. Free entertainment! They said that they think their neighbors are great, and we are certain that the feeling is mutual.

News from the Blackmoor Travelers

First, a BIG thank you to all of the Blackmoor Travelers and homeowners who really helped make the Shriners Spring Golf Tournament, of which I was Chairman, a complete success. Sixty-six people from Blackmoor made up the field of over a hundred and twenty-four golfers, to benefit the Shriners, one of the greatest philanthropy organizations in the world. Children up to age 18, who have orthopedic and spinal cord injuries and burns, are treated at hospitals at absolutely NO cost. This has been a very tiring task, as well as a challenge, but I'm proud to say "it was worth it". Without your support and our sponsors, it wouldn't

have happened.

Since this tournament is now behind us, it's back to normal with Wednesday Golf for all Blackmoor homeowners. As the summer months begin, the prices have adjusted and the courses are easier to book. We have two nice courses lined up for June, along with our Pinehurst trip coming up June 21st through the 23rd.

One of our Blackmoor Travelers made history here at Blackmoor a few weeks ago, with what we think was the first EAGLE ever scored on hole # 6. On the par 4, Ron Kurimsky hit his second shot from 175

yards onto the green and it rolled into the cup for the eagle. Congratulations, Ron!

Keep your eye on the Blackmoor web site for our complete schedule throughout the summer.

If you've just moved into Blackmoor and want to play Wednesday golf, just e-mail us at RST2175@aol.com, and we will add you to our mailing list.

See you on the course!

Dick Trythall



Meet the MYERS Family

If you are a Blackmoor resident and a member of Blackmoor Golf Club, then you are already familiar with the affable Tom and Sue Myers!

Moving to our neighborhood in February, 2004 from Hagerstown, Maryland, both had retired and were ready to enjoy every moment of life without a demanding work schedule. Tom was a banker for thirty-seven years, finalizing his career as an Executive Vice-President with Hagerstown Trust Company, a community bank. Sue worked in a variety of positions for twenty-seven years with C & P Telephone Company, which eventually progressed through a number of name changes including Bell Atlantic and Verizon. At that time, they were involved in a variety of community organizations, but now that they are retired and can kick back and enjoy life, that's exactly what they want to do.

Their daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Will, live in Roanoke, Virginia where they are busily raising three children.

Sue enjoys gardening and serves on the Yard of the Month committee. She also loves sewing and working with various crafts, and both Tom and Sue are avid readers. They share a fondness for golf, and Tom coordinates the Blackmoor Golf Club Members' Group, along with Sue's assistance, for our community. This involves acquiring the tee times, emailing the group to announce the days and times, reviewing the responses, setting up the pairings for each round, and making revisions to the plan if there is a cancellation. Both Tom and Sue like to kid around with everyone, but they take this responsibility seriously and do a wonderful job.

In response to the question, "Is there anything that might surprise people about you?" Tom replied, "This is it. What you see is what you get." Sue added, "If we've got something unique or special, we usually let you know!"

The aspects they most appreciate about Blackmoor are the climate, our attractive surroundings, the golf groups, and they absolutely love the people here. While they had investigated other neighborhoods before making a decision to move to this location, they felt that some were too large to have a "good community feel". They made the move to Blackmoor and have never regretted it, telling us, "This is the place that we love to be. We feel like we're on vacation 24/7."



Blackmoor Social Committee Events

On Saturday, April 3rd, the Social Committee, under the direction of Tara Valcourt, hosted the Annual Easter Egg Hunt outside the POA Clubhouse. The sun was shining and all participants – children and grandchildren of Blackmoor residents – had a fun time searching for their treasures on the lawn and under and atop the bushes. Check out the pictures posted on our website.

We kicked off our monthly Educational Events with Don Theiss' presentation of the history of Longwood Plantation. Don spoke to a packed house of almost seventy people.

On Monday, April 26, Sandi Lanigan from Massachusetts, set up a slideshow that provided the almost thirty attendees with tips on decorating and redesigning rooms in their homes.

One week later, Kris Reynolds shared his knowledge with thirty guests, regarding container gardening, plant damage control and his extensive knowledge on insects and how to avoid the pitfalls of their destruction to your plants.

The Social Committee will continue to provide these events for our residents, with the next session, **Diabetes Boot Camp**, scheduled for Wednesday, June 9th at the clubhouse.



News from Blackmoor Golf Club

Everyone that plays the game of golf has goals of reducing their handicaps. Most players want these things to happen quickly and, unfortunately, this type of thing requires time and practice. However, practicing certain parts of your game can lower your scores more quickly than others.

Research indicates a golfer with a 20 handicap takes an average of about 36 putts per round. The 20 handicapper typically shoots in the 90's for an 18 hole score. That means of all the shots taken, about 40 percent of these strokes are coming from putts. Data also shows that of these 36 putts about 15 of them are from distances within 6 feet, that is 42 percent of all the golfers putts are from 6 feet and in. When you think about it this way, it is obvious that the most

advantageous area for golfers around this handicap range to work on would be putting, specifically putts inside 6 feet.

Next time you hit the putting green, pick out a straight putt that is only about 2 feet. Have five golf balls ready to putt. Your goal here is to make five putts in a row. If you are not able to achieve this goal from that distance, move your ball to one foot. Remember we want you to be able to make the putt. It is not useful to go out to the putting green and hit putt after putt if you're not in a range that allows you to put them in the hole. After you make five putts in a row from that distance, move back another foot. You would continue to make five putts in row and move your ball back a foot all the way until six

feet. Remember, do not allow yourself to move your putt further back until you are comfortable making five in a row from the closer spot.

This drill will not only make you a more consistent putter from short distances, but it will also make you much more confident about your putting ability. If you practice these short putts you should definitely see a drop in your scores

Lyndsy Nally
1st Assistant Golf
Professional
Blackmoor Golf Club

Neighbors' Notes

You may have read the March, 2010 newsletter, where Tom and Sue Myers shared glowing recommendations of the perfect crab cakes they found at The Landing, on Seaboard Street behind Coastal Grand Mall.

The Myers are sad to report that the restaurant has closed. They don't know any details, but it looks like the building is advertising for new tenants, so it is doubtful that the restaurant will be reopening. A new search begins for the next, best crab cake!

Contact Loraine Rahn at randlor@yahoo.com if you are interested in forming a Blackmoor Dining Club, to meet monthly or bi-monthly.

Contact Mary Jane Duryee at 215-1045 or e-mail her at mjisretired@aol.com if you have an interest in joining the Red Hat group of Blackmoor – the JOLLY DOLLIES.

Yard of the Month

Perhaps you've driven by a neighbor's home and noticed a sign that indicates the coveted award of Yard of the Month. Have you ever wondered how they were chosen, who makes the decisions, and how you can increase your chances of achieving this distinction? This is the scoop on Yard of the Month!

The dedicated committee is comprised of three members—Barbara Iori, Sue Myers, and Shirli Althoff. Barbara has been on the committee since 2002, and tells us that ordinarily one home is chosen each month; however, with the uncharacteristically cold winter we experienced this year, Yard of the Month was temporarily suspended. Barbara explained, "This is the longest we've ever gone without choosing a Yard of the Month, but with the exceptionally bad winter season, it was too difficult for residents to do very much in their yards."

The committee recently patrolled the community to

choose the first Yard of the Month of 2010, and the winners were Joe and Ruth Garnot on Longwood Drive. The committee attempts to be as fair as possible and always visits the entire community of Blackmoor to reach their collective decision. They routinely look for the following:

- Neatness
- Variety
- Color—particularly with the use of flowers

They also try to choose from a different section of the community each month, and homes that are for sale are not considered. The yards of the committee members are ineligible, as beautiful as they may be. Additionally, yard work personally performed by the homeowner is a factor that may be considered in the decision making process.

It was fascinating to learn that sometimes the residents are reluctant to accept the award. Barbara indicated that they said that they didn't feel worthy or deserving of the honor.

Perhaps there are also concerns over the pressure of maintaining a Yard of the Month image for an entire month, as one former recipient candidly admitted.

Once chosen, the homeowner is contacted and asked to accept. If agreeable, they then discuss placement of the sign, and arrangements will be made for Ed Wilbraham, of our web site committee, to photograph the yard for posting on www.blackmoorpoa.org.

We thank Barbara, Sue and Shirli for their contribution to our community by touring the neighborhood and for time spent in decision making and record keeping. They would love to see more people volunteer to serve on the committee and make it possible to have two rotating groups handling the award process. Please contact Barbara Iori at 650-3250 or bori@sccoast.net if you would like to join this committee. Become involved! Blackmoor needs you!!



Barbara Iori from the Yard of the Month Committee

Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics will be offered again this summer. Classes include cardio workout, muscle toning and stretching and some fun in the sun. Our first class will be Wednesday, June 2nd from 8:30am-9:30am. Classes will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There is no need to register and ALL

Blackmoor residents are welcome to attend. You do not need to be a swimmer to participate. Dotti Kleman and Jane Lind, certified water aerobics instructors, will lead the classes.

Join your friends and neighbors, have fun and get in shape! If you have any questions, contact

Jane Lind at 215-6905 or janelind@sc.rr.com.

"Have fun and get in shape"

Calendar of Events in and around Blackmoor

Electronic Newsletter for the benefit of the members of the Blackmoor Property Owners Association

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Contact Marge Hill at 650-4662 or e-mail to myrtlehill@sc.rr.com if you have any changes or updates to your directory information.

Visit our website frequently at www.blackmoorpoa.org

May 29, 2010-Lazy Gator Gala on 3986 Highway 17 Business-Murrells Inlet- Antique cars, artwork, jazz music, prizes and more! See www.lazygatorgifts.com or call 651-4244 for additional information.

June, 2010-Warm Summer nights at the pool – look for e-mail updates

June 2, 2010- Water Aerobics Classes at the Blackmoor Pool begin

June 4 & 5, 2010-Myrtle Beach Sun Fun Festival-Kick off the summer season! Visit www.sunfunfestival.com or call 626-7444.

June 9, 2010 – Diabetes Boot Camp at Blackmoor POA Clubhouse 7:00 pm

June 13, 2010-Murrells Inlet 2020 Golf Tournament at The Heritage Club 1:30 pm shot gun start. For more information, call 357-2007.

October 16, 2010-Covered Dish Get Together at Blackmoor POA Clubhouse-more info to follow

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

Who's your buddy?

Blackmoor Bytes would love to see your favorite pet photo! Dress Fido in his most dashing bandana or don Fidette in her cutest outfit, take a photo, and

Email to blackmoorbytes@gmail.com for consideration when we feature neighborhood pets in future editions of the newsletter. Fluffy and Tabby photos welcome also!