



Articles are due
the fifth of
each month

Published by Golf Hammock Owners' Association

March 2014

Golf Hammock Owners' Newsletter March 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE GHOA BOARD MEMBERS

Right after our annual meeting and returning as president of the Board, I asked all of the Board members to prepare a list of the issues we should try and work on during 2014. I asked that such lists be prepared in descending order in terms of priority. Overwhelmingly, the number one issue was controlling the speeding problem that seems to be getting worse and worse. To that end I asked four members of the Board to become a “Speeding Issue” Committee to be headed by Hardric McMillon. The goal was to have something to present at our March monthly meeting. The committee returned a preliminary report, but more work needs to be done.

The options under consideration are (i) hire sheriff's officers and make sure they have the authority to write speeding tickets, (ii) have more speed tables installed or (iii) use multiple way STOP signs which would require some sheriff's officer participation for enforcement purposes. Of course, a fourth option would be to use some combination of the other options.

We are concerned that this issue will divide our community as it did in 2012, but your Board is charged with keeping Golf Hammock a safe place to live. As a first step, we will be sending a questionnaire to all homeowners looking for input on speeding controls. Another action we would like to see happen is to have neighborhoods petition the Board for speed table or stop sign installation in such neighborhood. Obviously, the people living in an impacted neighborhood have a different level of interest than do those who simply drive through a neighborhood. If you are in favor of speed tables or stop signs in your neighborhood, we need to hear from you and your neighbors. We know we will be hearing from those opposed to certain measures, but we need to hear from those who want to have a particular option acted on.

Please provide us with your input. Safety within our community should be something we all care about.

Sandy Todd and the GHOA Board Members

WANT SOME CASH?**WHY NOT ADVERTISE THINGS YOU HAVE TO
SELL ON GHOA BAY?**

Our new website www.ghoaonline.com offers residents a chance to advertise FOR FREE items that they would like to sell. All you have to do is provide a description and/or a picture of the item or items you wish to sell and e-mail it to our webmaster, Ruthie, at webmaster@ghoaonline.com and the rest will be taken care of. PLEASE INCLUDE THE PRICE YOU WISH FOR THE ITEM AND A CONTACT NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS. HAPPY SELLING.

RESTAURANT NEWS

The Grill Room at Golf Hammock Country Club
New luncheon menu.
Hours 11:00-3:00

SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

April 1 — End of 9 weeks
April 2 — Early Release
April 11 — Report cards go home
April 18 — Holiday

IMPORTANT DATES

Trash Pickup is every Monday and Thursday
Yard Debris pickup is the first and third Wednesday

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Non-Emergency -- call 402-7200
Emergency -- call 911

LAKES IN GOLF HAMMOCK

Lake Judy (off Cormorant Point Dr and on golf course)
Mills Pond (at back of GH off Duffer Loop)
Lake Clara (between Divot Road and Par Road)
Lake Elaine (can see from Duffer Road)
Cormorant Pond (has an island in the middle, is in CP)
Lake Marlene (on Sugarpine Circle in CP)

WEBSITE NEWS

The GHOA Website has been redesigned and is now live. The changes that were made should increase the speed of uploading. The design has been streamlined to make it easier to find the information you are looking for.

If you have problems getting the website, please contact Ruthie O'Neill at her e-mail address webmasterghoa@gmail.com or call her at 267-885-4043.

Additions / Corrections For Directory

Directory Corrections: James and Joan Whyte, 3200 Cormorant Point Drive, 863-385-8646-and 954-699-8135 (cell) were not listed in the Directory. Please add this to your Directory information.

Please submit any Directory corrections or requests for hard copies of the newsletter to Connie Wilhite, wilhite1530@comcast.net or drop a note in the lock box on the Clubhouse door closest to the Driving Range. Also, please advise if you no longer want to receive a hard copy and elect to view it online.

The Board has created a "Street Captain" Committee.

Committee members are Connie Wilhite, Cindy Bowser, Judy Trier, and Wendy Hardy.

The purpose of this committee is to coordinate and enhance communication between new home owners moving into our community and our board. We now have volunteers in place who will be Street Captains on their own street or area. They will visit and greet new homeowners and get basic information that will be passed to our Welcoming Committee (Ellyn-Scholl-Losse and Trish Broksch) so a welcome visit can be made.

This information will also be used for our community directory and newsletter mailing database.

NEWSLETTER WILL BE ON WEBSITE, THE LAST WEEK OF EACH MONTH!

**STARTING IN SEPTEMBER, the newsletter will be available online at www.ghoaonline.com.
THE LAST WEEK OF EACH MONTH, SEPTEMBER - MAY.**

RULES TO REMEMBER

- Only 2 dogs are allowed per household.
- Dogs are to be confined to their own yard or on a leash when being walked.
- OWNERS ARE EXPECTED TO CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR PETS.
- Fences cannot be higher than 6 feet tall.
- If a lot owner is contemplating doing changes to his property, (fences, garages, new rooms, patios, new garage, pool, etc.) the change must be Okayed by the architectural committee. Please call Shirley Kuznarik 382-3656 or kuzfla@yahoo.com
- Contractors (including yard workers) are NOT allowed to work on Sunday in GH.
- Residents and contractors should not start yard work until AFTER 8:00 A.M.
- Residents are asked to keep outside lights on at night in order to provide security for the development.
- Residents are reminded that lawns are to be sodded front to back and mowed once a week during growing season.
- **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE YARD DEBRIS ON UNDEVELOPED LOTS. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT LAWN CLIPPINGS ARE REMOVED FROM PAVED AREAS AND THE STREET WHEN MOWING THE LAWN.**
- **Garage and estate sales of any kind are NOT permitted in Golf Hammock.**
- No signs, other than "For Sale" signs may be erected on any lot.

HANDYMAN SERVICES AND PRESSURE CLEANING

*We use the latest cleaning tools
in the industry to ensure
Quality Results.*

*Pressure Cleaning
Starting at
\$65*

Call 863-381-2025

House Painting • Plumbing Repair (Toilet, Faucet, Replacements)
Cracked or Loose Tile Repair • Pressure Cleaning Homes, Pool Decks,
Pool Cages, Patios, Sidewalks, Etc.

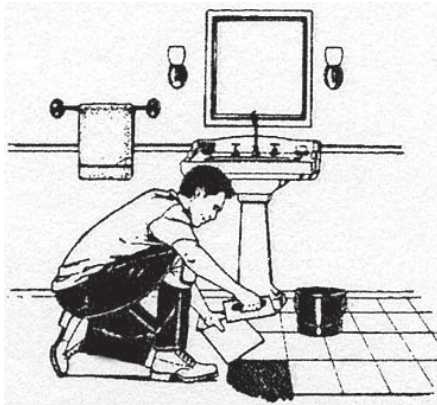
Licensed & Insured

CC# HM 0168

Credit Cards Accepted



ALL STAR TILE, LLC



- ★ Complete Bathroom Remodeling
- ★ Change Bathtub to Shower
- ★ Installation Ceramic Floor Tile
- ★ Tile Samples Shown in Your Home
- ★ Handicap Rails Installed
- ★ Sales Tub and Shower Glass Doors
- ★ 30 Years of Experience

(863) 465-6683

**Call Robert For Your
FREE Estimate**

**CC#HC02499
Licensed & Insured**

Credit Cards Accepted



NEW NEIGHBORS!

*There were no
new Neighbors called
on this month.*

There may be more families that we are not aware of so if you know of new residents that have not been welcomed, please contact either Ellyn Losse @ 385-6294 or Trish Broksch @ 471-3737.

"Recipe of the Month" ***Spinach and Celery Salad***



Ingredients

6 c spinach leaves, washed and dried
4 hard-cooked eggs, peeled and sliced
½ large red onion, peeled and sliced
1 c celery
1 teaspoon salt
¼ t pepper

Directions

Tear up spinach leaves. Toss with other ingredients. Dress with 1 package garlic-cheese salad-dressing mix, blended with 3 tablespoons lemon juice, 1 cup commercial sour cream.

Golf Hammock Owner's Newsletter March 5, 2014

Members present: Sandy Todd, Barb Akus, Judy Trier, Hardric McMillon, John McAngus, Shirley Kuznarik, Millie Grime, Tom Senior, Connie Wilhite

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President, Sandy Todd

Minutes, Millie Grime, 471-9979, cnmgrime@embarqmail.com

The minutes were approved.

Entrance and Landscaping, Sandy Todd, clb1919@embarqmail.com, 385-4774

Nothing new to report.

Treasurers Report, Tom Senior, 314-0644, tomseniorjr@aol.com

The total income for February was \$10,421 which included annual assessments of \$10,050, late fees of \$360, bankruptcy distribution of \$1 and interest of \$10. Total expenditures were \$4,480 which covered common grounds maintenance of \$847, electricity of \$766, assessment reminder mailing costs of \$123, clubhouse rent and our share of utilities of \$471, legal of \$45, Federal Income taxes of \$20, newsletter distribution costs of \$450, our accountant's charges for preparation of the financial statement for 2013, as well as our federal income tax filing of \$1,380, website maintenance costs of \$375 and administrative costs of \$3.

The total cash (including savings) at the beginning of February was \$230,177 and increased to \$236,118 at the end of February since income exceeded expenses by \$5,941.

As mentioned above, our accountant completed both the annual financial statement and federal income tax filing for 2013. Our tax liability for 2013 was \$20. Copies of the annual statement and our tax return will be posted here at the Clubhouse and made available upon written request.

Lastly, we sent out 772 annual assessment notices for 2014, and have thus far received 736 back. That leaves 36 remaining unpaid as of the end of February. Last year at this time there were 43 owners in arrears. We have mailed out our assessment reminder letters and have seen some positive response to the effort. We will continue to pursue payment for another two months in the hopes that we can get the number of owners that we ask our lawyer to pursue by way of a collection demand letter down to a very small number. We will keep you posted.

Common Grounds, John McAngus, 440-935-4708, JohnMcAngus@yahoo.com

This past month I have called Griffin Fence many times and left messages. To date, I have not heard back from the company. I also placed numerous calls to electrical contractors about updating the lighting at the main entrance. Several appointments were made to look at the site and all were cancelled. Hardric McMillon left me a message about the fence being down at 3608 Duffer Road. This has been looked at and is in the process of being resolved. Judy Trier told me about three trees on Mulligan Court East that required trimming. I called Cutting Edge today to have this done. I also contacted Heartland Electric, Inc. and Mark Palmer Electric for estimates for new lighting at the main entrance. I am meeting with representatives from these two companies, this Friday, March 7, 2014.

I am submitting a cost estimate bid for any perimeter fence work to be done in Golf Hammock from M&E Precision Construction in Wauchula, Florida. I have also obtained a letter from Kim Reid, who owns the property west of the main entrance, giving us permission to trim any trees for better visibility of the Golf Hammock Entrance, at our cost.

Architecture, Shirley Kuznarik, 382-3656, kuzfla@yahoo.com

Extend the existing garage 16 feet, relocate existing window, add door. Remove foliage and relocate as needed. The roof line to follow existing pitch/architecture.

Lakes, Barb Akus, akusba@centurylink.net, 314-0255

I have been in touch with Aquatic Weed Control a couple of times over the last month since we have had a "blooming" of some sort of aquatic weed on several lakes. Les (the general manager) assured me that they are treating these problems and some of the chemicals they use will take up to 3 months to show results. They are on top of it and I feel confident in their treatment.

Clubhouse, Barb Akus, akusba@centurylink.net, 314-0255

This year's dues have been collected by Pauline Price and we owe her a BIG "Thank You" for doing such a great job.

I have several people show an interest in having a game night and in having a scrapbooking session.

I have set aside the evening of March 20th for a gaming night. We will have several games available—cards (enough for hand and foot players)), Sequence, Cribbage and more. If you have a card group, please join us, if you don't we will put people together for whatever they'd like to play. Please bring your spouse, friends, neighbors and make this evening a success. We will provide lemonade, iced tea, and cookies for participants, or bring your own beverage of choice. **THIS IS LIMITED TO RESIDENTS OF GOLF HAMMOCK.**

Call me with any questions—314-0255.

SCRAPBOOKING—We will try on MONDAY, MARCH 24th at 7:00 P.M. I will try and get a couple of our residents that are REALLY good at it to help us out. Bring your pictures, any scrapbooking materials you have and we will muddle through.

IF THESE EVENINGS ARE SUCCESSFUL, WE WILL TRY TO KEEP IT GOING, PLUS ADD OTHER ACTIVITIES.

Violations and Complaints, Judy Trier, jrtrier@gmail.com

Eleven violation letters were written during the month of February.

1 non approved fence	1 fence repair request
3 non approved signs in yards	2 garbage cans in view
1 garbage can and golf cart parked in driveway	1 parking on lawn
2 landscaping	

When calling or writing me about a complaint, please give me the street name and house number. The more information you can give me the quicker I can get to the offenders. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Please send all future complaints or suggestions to Judy Trier at jrtrier@gmail.com or call 260-242-0612.

Secretary, Millie Grime, 471-99979, cnmgrime@embarqmail.com

Procured a \$50 gift certificate for Pauline Price as a thank you for her hard work collecting and verifying proxies.

Received six signs from Artistic Frames and Images. Two that say, Annual Meeting Sat. at 2:00, two that say Please turn in your proxies and two that say, Assessments are due now.

.PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SELL, SEND A PICTURE OF THE ITEM TO RUTHIE, OUR WEBMASTER, ALONG WITH THE PRICE YOU WANT FOR IT. ALSO HAVE A PHONE NUMBER YOU CAN BE REACHED AT SO THAT PEOPLE CAN CONTACT YOU.

CHECK OUT OUR GHOABAY ON OUR WEBSITE. LOTS OF NEW ITEMS.

Data Base/Directory, Connie Wilhite, wilhite1530@comcast.net, 658-1854

A new committee, Street Captains, has been created by the Board. These volunteer Street Captains represent their street or area. They will meet their new neighbors and ask for information that will be given to our Welcome Committee and the Community Directory/Newsletter Database coordinator. There will be a meeting with the volunteer street captains on Saturday, March 8 at 10:00 A.M. at the clubhouse.

Thank you for all corrections or additions to the Database.

Roads, Hardric McMillon, hrrcmillon@embarqmail.com, 382-9579

I had reflectors on Dogleg removed as many were in disrepair and they were not effective.

Remember:

1. Progress Energy will install a street light in front of your for a monthly fee.
2. Report street light outages to Progress Energy by calling 1-800-228-8485.

Visitations, Elyn Scholl-Losse 385-6294 mizles226@yahoo.com and Trish Broksch 471-3737, tbroksch@embarqmail.com

No new residents were visited this month.

Neighborhood Watch

Russ Danser has sent in his resignation as Neighborhood Watch Captain. The Board wishes to thank him for his years of service to the Golf Hammock community.

Old Business

New Business

Tom Senior reported that taxes were paid on interest income.

Hardric McMillon reported on the outcome of the "Speeding Committee" meeting. When Board members were asked to list their top priorities for the coming year, the issue of speeding in the community was number one on the list.

President Todd appointed a committee of Hardric McMillon, Tom Senior, Judy Trier, Shirley Kuznarik and John McAngus.

Although there was no formal study as to the number of speeders, committee members agreed that there have been many complaints about speeding from the community. The committee also agreed that community involvement is the most important aspect as recommendations are considered.

The committee decided that there should be a survey put out to the residents of GH to determine how people feel about various solutions to the speeding problem.

Hardric and Tom met with Captain Barfield of the Sheriff's Department. He discussed the cost of hiring off-duty policemen. They must be hired in three hour blocks at \$40.00 per hour. They may or may not have radar or laser guns at any given time.

Excavation Point Contractors were contacted to see how much speed tables would cost. 1-5 speed tables would cost \$2295 each. More than five speed tables would cost \$1925 each.

Tom Senior contacted EMS to get their feelings about speed tables. EMS feels they are a nuisance, but said that if GH feels speed tables are necessary for safety reasons EMS will have to put up with them.

Hardric got in touch with West Sebring Fire Department to get its feelings about speed tables. The Chief said that the trucks would have to slow down to 5-7 mph but wouldn't take a position on how he felt about them. Hardric also asked about a report from a GH resident during last year's fire along the perimeter who said that the tanker truck lost half of its water going over the speed tables. The chief remarked that any loss of water was due to loose gaskets. Tanker trucks do not have open tanks of water.

The upside to speed tables is that they are more effective than sheriff's patrols. The downside is that there is too much signage and speed tables cause divisiveness in the community.

Tom and Hardric also took a field trip to Sun 'n Lake where there are many speed tables. They discovered that there seemed to be neither rhyme nor reason to placement and that the tables there are further apart.

NEIGHBORS COMMENTS

Neighbors attending: Cindy Bowser, Wendy Hardy, Joyce Rowe, Jim and Rose Cookman, Pat Burns

One neighbor asked if GH residents would be held liable if an ambulance is slowed down by speed tables and was unable to respond to an emergency quickly.

Another resident asked what happens if someone is hit by a speeder. Who is liable?

Someone spoke about living on Par Road and how speeders race down the straight- a -way and the fact that there are children playing near the road and riding their bikes. The person also pointed out that there are speed tables in hospital parking lots and ambulances have to go over them.

Another resident asked if people couldn't take down license numbers or in some way identify speeders and then send them a warning.

The problems with Halloween in Golf Hammock were discussed at length. Someone spoke about problems with flat-bed trailers and how a child could fall out and be run over. The person wanted to know if any policemen were being hired this coming year. (The Board plans on hiring several police officers who will be posted at both entrances and perhaps inside of GH.) She was also concerned with people lining up on Hammock Road in preparation for entering on flat beds and golf carts.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Millie Grime

Workshop, Tuesday, April 1, 4:00, Clubhouse

General Meeting, Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 P.M. Clubhouse

GOLF HAMMOCK OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2200 Golf Hammock Drive
Sebring, Florida 33872-1209

A COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND PHONE NUMBERS

GHOA

President

Entrances/Landscaping

Sandy Todd
385-4774
clb1919@yahoo.com

Vice President

Lakes/Clubhouse

Barb Akus
314-0255
akusba@centurylink.net

Secretary/Newsletter

Millie Grime
471-9979
cnmgrime@embarqmail.com

Treasurer

Tom Senior
4310 Duffer Loop
314-0644
tomseniorjr@aol.com

Violations/Complaints

Judy Trier
jrtrier@gmail.com
260-242-0612

Common Grounds

John McAngus
440-935-4708
JohnMcAngus@yahoo.com

Architecture

Shirley Kuzarnik
382-3656
kuzfla@yahoo.com

Data Base/Directory

Connie Wilhite
658-1854
wilhite1530@comcast.net

Roads/Signs

Hardric McMillon
382-9579
hrmcmillon@embarqmail.com

CPHO

President

Steve Fox
385-3696
foxden29@embarqmail.com

Secretary

Bob Rivenes
385-5790
robertcom@embarqmail.com

Vice President

Dawn Loftus
585-319-7165
jdaloftus@juno.com

Treasurer

Nancy Beatty
382-6707
nancyab@strato.net

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Architectural/Landscaping

Ed Chroscinski
836-858-1568
eddoneworking1@yahoo.com

Violations

Bob Henderson
385-8192
rchendro@yahoo.com

Welcoming

Lillian Kachelries
863-659-1568
xgrayrock1@aol.com