



FROM THE GM'S DESK

Dear Champion Hills Members, Families & Friends,

As February gets underway and we enter this final stretch of winter, there's always a little uncertainty in the air. Will it freeze again? Is there more snow on the way? How much golf will we enjoy this month? February always keeps us guessing. One thing is certain though: the Club's event calendar is busy in February, and it's punctuated by a very important day for our couples. Just know that the Club has you covered, and you'll find full details for Valentine's Day dinner and all planned events in this month's Echoes.

As we look to spring, we have a lot of projects happening around here. One of the most anticipated projects currently underway is the repair of Fazio's Mountain Masterpiece back nine. While mother nature may have slowed us down, the work crews adjusted and continue to press forward. As soon as we get the work completed on holes 11, 14, 15 & 16, we strive to open up everything except 18 (which will take a while longer). Another area of the Club that has benefited from redesign over the past few months is the patio dining area. The work should start this month, so it will be ready for the spring. In March (if the weather cooperates), we will be resurfacing the clubhouse parking lots. As soon as this is completed, we will start the new Pickleball Courts. These additions will most certainly become a hub of daily activity, competition, and social interaction for our members to enjoy! We will continue to provide you with updates as this new amenity gets underway.

Thank you for your continued support of the Club and our staff. Have a wonderful February.

See you around at the Club! Alan Deck, CCM, PGA



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BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: BILL ZOLLINGER (POA)

Growing up in Northeast Ohio provided me the opportunity to experience all four seasons, not the least being.....Summer! I attended Kent State University School, and as a freshman, I was on campus on May 4, 1970. It was a very emotional day that ended with a National Guard escort from the city. My love for the Blue Ridge mountains started with my enrollment at Virginia Tech. The most important experience while at Virginia Tech was meeting Jan, my true love, friend and partner for life.

After graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1977 and getting married a week later, I joined a multi-national engineering, procurement a construction company – Davy McKee. I was a Cost Engineer, responsible for tracking and projecting cost on very large projects. My notable project was the grassroots construction of a \$450 million dollar refinery in Cardon. Venezuela.

Upon returning to the United States, we raised our two daughters, Jessica and Nicola in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. I joined a small construction consulting firm specializing in construction claim analysis, expert witness and CPM scheduling. I helped grow the company to the international level. I bought the company in 1995. Some of our most notable consulting/testifying assignments include: The Sunshine Skyway Bridge, The Big Dig, Detroit WWTP, (the largest in the world) as well as multiple buildings for Cleveland Clinic.

After selling the company in 2014, Jan & I decided to get back to the Blue Ridge. We took four years "researching" communities and golf courses. Champion Hills bubbled to the top of all

because of its classic mountain community, welcoming neighbors, and the wide range of activities.

My civil engineering degree and employment experience have given me a great foundation to work from in my role as a board member of the POA. All aspects are in play, cost management, infrastructure maintenance, maintaining standards and looking for opportunity to improve our neighborhood, and to welcome new members to the community. I look forward to being a good steward of the community!





WE LOOK FORWARD TO
INTRODUCING NEW
BOARD MEMBER PROFILES
&
MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHTS.

PLEASE EMAIL JOSIE AT
JOSIE@CHAMPIONHILLS.COM
TO BE FEATURED IN AN
UPCOMING ECHOES!

CHIMNEY CROSSING:

A LEGACY OF COMMUNITY AND VISION AT CHAMPION HILLS

The development of Chimney Crossing, a new neighborhood at Champion Hills Club, is more than a real estate project—it's a testament to the community's enduring legacy and the vision of the Club and POA Boards working alongside the longtime member family of Kurt & Dorinda Bagwell.

Post Covid, Champion Hills faced a growing challenge: the club's rising popularity created an increased demand for homes to accommodate prospective members. Home turnover at Champion Hills is relatively low, and most new members want to live on the property/campus. Enter Bagwell, a recently retired cell tower developer with global experience and a passion for his community.

"When the Club and community approached me, they needed a development solution to support their goals," Bagwell explained. "They knew I had the development background and our family had a long-standing commitment to Champion Hills, and that's how Chimney Crossing came to life."

A UNIQUE APPROACH TO COMMUNITY GROWTH

Bagwell partnered with local realtor, Scott Barfield and formed Pine Shadow Developers, LLC., and their group quickly partnered with Amarx Construction, a long-term, local Builder in the Western North Carolina community. The Chimney Crossing project involved piecing together three parcels of land adjacent to the club, totaling seven acres. Working with engineers, the Team designed a plan that maximized the property's potential while creating a beautiful and functional neighborhood on a rugged piece of land. The result? Fourteen luxury residences in the form of seven villas, offering a "lock-and-leave" lifestyle perfect for seasonal homeowners or full-time residents.

"We were looking to maximize the number of units to meet the challenge the Board gave us, while still ensuring a beautiful setting for these units," Bagwell said. "Offering Lock-and-Leave was key for us. The POA takes care of everything – landscape maintenance, paint, even the roofing reserves - so owners can enjoy their time here without worry. They can come and go as they please, knowing everything will look the same when they return."

Each villa is designed with high-end finishes and modern amenities, embodying a level of quality synonymous with the Bagwell family name. "My parents instilled in me a high standard for quality, and we wouldn't put our name on anything that wasn't first-class," he said. "These aren't just homes—they're an extension of the Champion Hills lifestyle.

Many of the homes features are optional in other new construction projects, but at Chimney Crossing these elements all went into the units as standard fare. On top of natural upgrades like granite or quartz counters, there are solid core doors and owner-selected cabinetry in each unit, the latest in dual fuel AC/Heating systems using natural gas and heat pump technology, wi-fi controlled systems for AC/Heat/Garage doors/Hot water, EV charger ports in the epoxy floor coated garages,



Cat 6 cabling to every room with a centralized location for the modem, private offices for work at home, 10 foot ceilings, the latest in appliances; and the neighborhood is all ready for these owners with Dominion natural gas, Hendersonville City water, Duke Power, CH WWTP services, and new high-speed, fiber optic internet from AT&T. Buyers will also be able to customize the interior finishes with their personal selections on paint colors, countertops, lighting, plumbing fixtures, appliances, screen rooms, cabinetry, and flooring choices.

A COMMITMENT TO CHAMPION HILLS

The development isn't just a business venture for Bagwell; it's a personal investment in a community his family holds dear. His family's roots at Champion Hills run deep—his parents joined the club in 1993, and his family took over the membership several years ago. Today, they live in the family home overlooking the third green and are now themselves becoming active participants in club life.

"Our family has always believed in this club and what it stands for," Bagwell said. "My parents loved this Club for over 25 years. Our four kids spent many summers here, and we now have grandchildren spending time here with us. This project is our way of giving back and helping ensure its long-term health and vibrancy."

In keeping with Champion Hills' focus on golf, Chimney Crossing homes offer an exclusive incentive: each purchase includes an Equity Golf membership (currently a \$60,000 value), with a five-year dues commitment. This requirement reflects the community's dedication to its golfing roots while creating a direct and economical pathway for new members to join the club.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

As of late 2024, four of the fourteen villas are complete, with two more set to break ground in early 2025. The first homeowners will take possession in January 2025, marking a significant milestone.

"This is a multi-year project and it's going smoothly – we worked hard with the Club and POA on setting this all up, going through the standard processes like any new homeowner, and we are on track with the Development process" Bagwell said. "The response has been overwhelmingly positive, and it's exciting to see this vision come to life. This was a tough piece of property to work with, but it is shaping up nicely."

For prospective buyers, Chimney Crossing offers more than just a home—it's an invitation to experience the Champion Hills lifestyle. With its breathtaking mountain views, renowned Tom Fazio-designed golf course, and vibrant community, the neighborhood is a perfect choice for seasonal retreats or year-round living.

"We're offering something truly special here," Bagwell said. "High-end, modern villas in a prime location, paired with the unparalleled experience of being part of Champion Hills. For the right buyer, it's a perfect match."

As Champion Hills prepares to welcome its newest members, the success of Chimney Crossing stands as a testament to the power of community, vision, and the enduring legacy of those who call it

home. For Bagwell, it's a labor of love—and one he plans to stand behind for years to come. "This is more than a project," he said. "It's a reflection of our family's belief in Champion Hills and its future."

For more information on Chimney Crossing, visit https://flow.page/chimneycrossing -OR-

Scan the QR code





PET PROFILES: SHANDY

OWNERS: MED & LISA CADIZ



BREED & AGE

Mini-Golden Doodle; 4 Years Old

FAVORITE TOY

A small white fluffy lamb chop (like the puppet).

FAVORITE THINGS TO DO

Shandy loves to run, jump, and cuddle. She is great with kids of all ages.

COMMENTS ABOUT SHANDY

Shandy is a mama dog for Sukisdoodles, and we are the guardian family while she is in the program. Shandy has had 2 litters. With her first litter, she had four puppies and seven puppies in her second litter. One Champion Hills member has a puppy from each of her litters. Can you guest who?

Shandy is currently pregnant and will deliver her puppies in mid February. When Shandy completes four or five litters, she will then be spayed and will become our "fur" ever dog.































STAY CONNECTED WHILE YOU'RE AWAY!

As you travel and explore the world this season, stay connected with your Champion Hills family through our "HOW FAR CAN YOU GO?" social media campaign.

Here is how to participate:

- 1. Be sure to pack your favorite CH logo shirt/apparel
- 2. Take a photo of you with the CH logo wherever you travel
- 3. Email josie@championhills.com telling us where you are traveling

It's that simple! At the end of March, we will award two winners:

- 1. Who traveled the furthest from the Champion Hills Clubhouse with their CH logo
- 2. Most Unique Destination traveled with their CH logo

All submissions must be submitted by February 28, 2025.

The winners will receive a feature in the April Echoes issue and a complimentary gift basket. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Admin Office!



FEBRUARY 5 5:30 PM - 9 PM

Reserve your team a table! Email Shelly at shellym@championhills.com



JANUARY WINNERS No Clue

Rich Kacik Tom & Kimberly DeMarsh Theresa & John Soffronoff Bob Nadeau



FEBRUARY 6 | 4 PM - 6 PM



Cookies & Cocktails

Wine Tasting | Cookies & Cocktails | Bites



Valentine's Day Dinner

FEBRUARY 14 | 5 PM - 8 PM

Make a date at the Club for Valentine's Day dinner. Enjoy an entrée sure to make you swoon!

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FEBRUARY 20 | 4 PM - 6 PM

CHILI CONTEST | 4 PM



Enjoy homemade chili prepared by your fellow Club members and vote for your favorite chili: The chili contest is open to ALL members! Please contact Shelly Metcalf to enter your chili!





MARCH 8 | 5:30 PM



MARCH 12 | 5:30PM

IRISH PUB NIGHT
MARCH 18 | 5 PM - 8 PM

\$1 Wings 🍀 \$3 Drafts 🧩 Guitarist, Dan Keller





More details to come!

FEBRUARY DINING EVENTS

SEAFOOD SPECTACULAR

FEBRUARY 8 | 5 PM - 8 PM

Join us for spectacular assortment of seafood & sides!

PASTA NIGHT

FEBRUARY 12 | 5 PM - 8 PM

It's Pasta Night!

Enjoy "All You Can Eat" breadsticks, assorted pastas, sauces, toppings & Italian desserts!

HOMESTYLE NIGHT

FEBRUARY 19 | 5 PM - 8 PM

Join us for some delicious comfort food that will put a smile on your face!

PRIME RIB FEATURE

FEBRUARY 22 | 5 PM - 8 PM

The Prime Rib Feature is always a hit!

CANTINA NIGHT

FEBRUARY 26 | 5 PM - 8 PM

Enjoy authentic Mexican food & drink specials at Cantina Night!

FOR DINING RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT SHELLY AT 828.233.0973 OR SHELLYM@CHAMPIONHILLS.COM

ALEXANDER VALLEY VINEYARDS, CABERNET SAUVIGNON ALEXANDER VALLEY | SONOMA, CA

After purchasing the historic Cyrus Alexander homestead (Alexander Valley), Harry & Maggie Wetzel strived to create a thriving agricultural lifestyle on the property, providing inspiration and encouragement as they developed the estate together. The fourth generation of their family is now growing up amongst vineyards and next door to the working winery that is known around the world as "AVV".



WINE PROFILE

The elegant 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon is easily recognizable as classic Alexander Valley:

- · Medium body with bright berry & chocolate flavors
- Smooth, structured tannins
- Malbec & Petit Verdot blend for color, Merlot for a hint of structured dark fruit & a touch of Cabernet Franc for aromatics
- Earthy aromas of cassis, anise, chocolate & plum



IS PICKLEBALL GOOD EXERCISE?

The short answer is YES!

If you've "hit a dink shot into the kitchen," you know the joy of pickleball. This booming sport is fast-paced, simple to learn and serves up lots of health benefits.

WHAT IS PICKLEBALL?

Pickleball is similar to tennis but has its own court, paddle, ball, and rules. Most people find it more forgiving than tennis and easier to play.

THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF PICKLEBALL!

Pickleball appeals to people of all ages and experience levels. It's a great sport for beginners who want to get more exercise.

IMPROVES HEART HEALTH

Current physical activity guidelines for adults recommend at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise per week. Moderate intensity means you're at about 50% of your maximum effort.

Pickleball can help you meet these guidelines. One study of adults over the age of 50 found that more than 70% of their playing time was in the moderate to vigorous heart rate zone.



ENHANCES MUSCLE AND BONE STRENGTH

Sports like pickleball stress your muscles and bones. Your body responds by making them stronger.

INCREASES BALANCE AND COORDINATION

Balance is a key measure of being physically fit. Good balance reduces your risk of falls, a serious health threat to older adults. Exercise is one of the best ways to improve your balance.

To succeed at pickleball, you need to move forward, backward and side-to-side around the court.

Navigate your play around the "kitchen" (the no-volley zone on either side of the net). Place your shot, strategically so your opponent can't hit the ball. React quickly to balls coming at you.

These movements sharpen the connections between your body, brain and eyes. Over time, you develop better balance and coordination.

BOOSTS BRAIN HEALTH

Exercise is not only good for your body – it also boosts brain health.

The social aspect of the game is also important. People interact with each other, enhancing their quality of life.



A WORD TO THE WISE...

Don't overdo it. You may be tempted to play pickleball every day, but your body needs rest. If you have sore muscles or joints, use ice to reduce inflammation. Rest until the pain is gone. Stretching on your rest days can also promote recovery and improve flexibility.

Warm up and cool down. Get your blood flowing before you play with a 3-to-5-minute warm-up. After, let your heart rate come down slowly. Stretching your major

muscle groups before and after a match can also help prevent sprains and strains.

<u>Wear the right shoes.</u> Court shoes are best for pickleball. They support your ankles and feet as you turn and pivot. Avoid running shoes with an aggressive tread, which are good for forward motion but not lateral movements on the pickleball court.

Champion Hills is excited to offer this popular and fun sport in 2025!

PICKLEBALL CONCEPTUAL IMAGE







WELLNESS CLASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY

8:15 AM | Barre 9:15 AM | Strength 45 10:30 AM | Slow Flow Core Yoga

TUESDAY

8 AM | Yoga Basics 9:15 AM | Jazzercise 10:30 AM | Cardio Tabata Circuit

WEDNESDAY

8:15 AM | Cardio Core Tabata 9:15 AM | Jazzercise 10:30 AM | Barre

THURSDAY

8:15 AM | Golf Core Tabata 9:15 AM | Strength 60 10:30 AM | Simply Strength

FRIDAY

8:15 AM | Cardio Tabata AMRAP 9:15 AM | Gentle Yoga 10:30 AM | Barre Strength

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

No Classes

(3) participants are required by 3 PM the day before the class. If the minimum has not been reached, the class will be cancelled for the day.

A MESSAGE FROM ERICK FOWLER, PGA CHAMPION HILLS HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

51ST INTERNATIONAL PRO-AM AT CASA DE CAMPO

In my many years as a Golf Professional, I have found inviting members to play off campus to be a great way to build rapport and get to know one another better while having fun experiencing other world-class facilities together. I was recently afforded the opportunity to do just that when three CH members joined me in playing an International Pro-Am at Casa de Campo in the Dominican Republic!

This year's CH team was comprised of Mr. Tom Smith, Mr. Joe Gaudino, and Mr. Rick Kemp. We had the pleasure of being accompanied by two fantastic cheerleaders, Mrs. Rhonda Gaudino and my wife, Maggie Fowler.





The Pro-Am kicked off with an opening evening ceremony where all 51 teams met at the Beach Club for an opportunity to get to know each other. From there, over the next five days we were provided the chance to play two rounds of golf on the famous "Teeth of the Dog" followed by a round at the Dye Fore and The Links. The courses were in phenomenal condition and the vistas provided on all courses were astonishing! While the team wasn't able to finish where we had hoped to, everyone had a great time together and received some nice tee gifts (daily).

In the evenings, my wife and I coordinated group dinners at different restaurants across the resort. The food was phenomenal, but more importantly, the camaraderie, laughs and banter amongst our group during these meals was priceless! We ended the trip with an awards banquet at the Marina of Casa de Campo where everyone enjoyed a social hour followed by a great dinner. The night was capped off with the announcement of the winners for the 51st International Pro-Am. I couldn't be more impressed by this event and send a huge thank you to Casa de Campo, Robert Birtel (Director of Golf), his team and all staff members for their amazing hospitality!



I want to thank all who joined me at Casa de Campo and for taking the time to get to know a little bit more about me and my wife! I hope to make this an annual trip for CH and hope to have even more of you interested in joining me next year and years to come!

Sincerely,

Erick Fowler, PGA Head Golf Professional



FROM JOSEPH GAUDINO:

Rhonda and I would not have thought about a trip to the Dominican Republic, but we gladly accepted an opportunity to participate in a golf event lead by Champion Hills Professional Erick Fowler, his wife Maggie, and also attended by members, Tom Smith & Rick Kemp.

We loved the Casa De Campo resort and the people we encountered during our five-night stay. The three Pete Dye designed golf courses were in great condition and presented a real challenge.



Although we did not bring home any hardware, the tournament swag was good and we enjoyed many of the other resort amenities like great food, a nice spa, and our own golf cart to use for the week.

Many thanks to Erick & Maggie for managing the trip so well and graciously hosting a great group of friends from Champion Hills.

FROM RICHARD KEMP:

When I first picked up a golf club on my 40th birthday, within two weeks I had heard of a course called "Teeth of the Dog" in the DR. After seeing photos of the seaside par 3s, it became the first of an ever-growing list on my "bucket courses". After Carol beat me out to play it as she went in May 2024 with a group of CH ladies, I was not going to miss my chance to match her when I was invited in summer 2024 to play it with Joe Gaudino & Tom Smith, along with Erick Fowler and our two cheering stars in Rhonda & Maggie! It did not disappoint! A great time was had by all, plus everyone got to know each other much better than we did before. Four rounds on three great Dye courses, firstclass accommodations and food, and team camaraderie were experienced by all of us on a true "bucket list" group of courses.









2025 MAJOR EVENT DATES

APRIL

Greens Aerification | April 7-9

MAY

Ladies' Summer Opening Day | May 13
Men's Summer Opening Day | May 14
Couples Summer Opening Day | May 18
The Hills Cup | May 20-21
Memorial Day Mixed ABCD | May 26
2 Man Match Play | May 30-31 (Play In & Rd 1)

JUNE

Ladies' Member-Guest | June 4-6 Queen Bee | June 17 & 19 Match Play | June 20-21 (Play In & Rd 1) Match Play | June 28-29 (Rd 2 & Rd 3)

JULY

4th of July Mixed | July 4 Men's Club Championship | July 11-12 & 18-19 Ladies' 18 & 9 Hole Club Championship | July 18 & 19

AUGUST

Men's Member-Member | July 31-August 3 Husband & Wife Championship | August 17

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Mixed | September 1
Greens Aerification | September 2-4
Ladies' Member-Member | September 23, 25 & 26
Ladies' Summer Closing Day | September 30

OCTOBER

Men's Summer Closing Day | October 1 Men's Green Tee Cup | October 3 Couples' Summer Closing Day | October 5 Men's Member-Guest | October 8-11

FOR TOURNAMENT DETAILS, PLEASE VISIT CHMEMBER.COM OR CALL THE PRO SHOP!



CHILLY CHALLENGE

FEBRUARY 20



2 PM SHOTGUN
4 PM CHILI CONTEST

FORMAT: TWO-PERSON
9-HOLE MODIFIED CHAPMAN

Chili competition is open to ALL members! Contact Shelly for details.











FEBRUARY 1 - 15

- 14% OFF MEMBER PRICING ON IN-STOCK MEN'S & WOMEN'S APPAREL
- 14% OFF MEMBER PRICING ON ALL IN-STOCK GOLF BAGS
- \$48/DOZEN IN-STOCK TAYLORMADE TP5 & TP5X GOLF BALLS
- \$50/DOZEN IN-STOCK TITLEIST PRO VIX, PRO VI & AVX GOLF BALLS

"THE ABOVE SALES CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH ALREADY DISCOUNTED ITEMS.



CHAMPION HILLS

Real Estate

WHY EVERY HOMEOWNER SHOULD SCHEDULE AN ANNUAL REAL ESTATE REVIEW

As a homeowner, your property is likely one of your most significant financial assets. While much attention is given to financial planning, investments, and retirement savings, the value of regularly reviewing your real estate portfolio often goes overlooked. An annual real estate review offers a comprehensive



snapshot of your property's value, market trends, and financial opportunities, making it an essential practice for every homeowner. Here are some reasons why scheduling a yearly real estate review is so important:

1. UNDERSTAND YOUR HOME'S CURRENT MARKET VALUE

Real estate markets fluctuate due to economic conditions, interest rates, and local development. An annual review provides an updated valuation of your property based on recent sales, market trends, and neighborhood dynamics. Knowing your home's current market value is crucial for decisions like refinancing, selling, or leveraging your home equity.

2. STAY INFORMED ABOUT MARKET TRENDS

A real estate review offers insights into broader market trends that could affect your property's value. Whether the market is experiencing growth, stagnation, or decline, staying informed lets you make proactive decisions about your property. For example, if property values are rising in your area, it might be an ideal time to consider upgrades or investments that increase your home's worth.

3. PLAN FOR FUTURE REAL ESTATE GOALS

Are you considering downsizing, purchasing an investment property, or relocating? An annual real estate review helps you assess where you stand and plan for these future goals. Understanding your current equity position and the market landscape can guide your timing and strategy.



4. MONITOR CHANGES IN LOCAL REGULATIONS

Zoning laws, tax codes, and property regulations change over time and can significantly impact your property's value and use. A real estate professional conducting your review can alert you to any relevant changes and help you navigate their implications.

5. ENSURE PROPER INSURANCE COVERAGE

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	Clubhouse Closed	4	5 Trivia	6 Thirsty Thursday Wine Tasting & Cookies & Cocktails	7	Seafood Spectacular
9	10 Clubhouse Closed	11	12 Pasta Night	13 Thirsty Thursday	14 Valentine's Day Dinner	15
16	Clubhouse Closed	18	Homestyle Night	20 Chilly Challenge Tournament Third Thursday Chili Contest	21	Prime Rib Night
Restorative Yoga Sound Bath with Reiki	Clubhouse Closed	25	26 Cantina Night	27 Thirsty Thursday	28	

NOTES: