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A Dickens Dinner
at
Champion Hills Club
Christmas Carol

Saturday, December 2

Cocktails: 5 pm
Introduction: 5:45
Dinner: 6
Act 1: 7
Intermission: 7:45
Act 2 8:15

Champion Hills travels back in time this holiday season to retell a classic Christmas story. At *A Dickens Dinner*, storyteller Jamieson Ridenhour will take Champion Hills Members to Victorian England for a retelling of English novelist Charles Dickens', "A Christmas Carol". The storytelling follows a delicious dinner inspired by the novella. [Visit chmember.com](http://chmember.com) to learn more!

President's Message

By Don Morrison, Club Board President

As this is my last Echoes article as your Club President, I find myself in a somewhat reflective frame of mind. I have many people to thank as we close out the year and my term comes to an end. First, I would like to thank you, the Members of this great Club. On behalf of the Board of Governors, thank you for your support and the confidence you have placed in us as stewards of your Club's future.

The Membership's support was evident regarding the Master Facilities Plan Phase I vote as approximately 75% of the eligible voting Members participated, one of the best voter turnouts we have had at Champion Hills. None of this would have been possible without Randy Raup, Bill Romano, and the Members who served on the various MFP Working Committees. These individuals dedicated considerable time and effort to ensure current and prospective Members' needs were considered so the best plan could be presented to the Membership.

The Board intends to move very quickly to execute the recently approved Fitness Center renovation. The following items have already been completed or confirmed:

- The Fitness Center design is complete.
- The contractor for the project has been selected and will begin construction in early November.
- The Beverly-Hanks sales office will relocate to a model home in Azalea Ridge prior to construction.
- Fitness equipment will be stowed in storage containers located onsite.
- Group Exercise Classes will be held in the clubhouse.
- The Fitness Committee has reached out to Planet Fitness, Hendersonville YMCA, and Pardee Rehab and Wellness for information and rates for the Membership. More information was recently shared via email.

Meanwhile, work continues on improvements to the golf course:

- The Board has authorized Alan Burnette and his team to begin topdressing all fairways. The first, all-fairway topdressing, began October 15. The topdressing is planned for three applications this fall. The plan is to continue three applications each spring and fall for the next few years, weather dependent. The topdressing will greatly improve our topsoil drainage. Not only will it help to grow and manage turf, but it will also help reduce our days "on path".
- Alan and his crew will continue the tree management program which began last year. The removal of trees will help increase both sun and air movement to the fairways, as well as improve turf health, allowing fewer days "on path".
- Finally, Alan will work with contractors to convert our greenside bunkers to the capillary design. The two test bunkers proved that this design greatly decreases washouts in heavy rains. These bunkers pay for themselves in reduced maintenance. We will keep you posted as work progresses.

This has been a year of strategic and collaborative effort. The Club and the POA have made big strides this year to make improvements to our community, one of which has been the selection of a new marketing firm, Maximum Design (MD). The Members of the Joint Marketing Committee (JMC), consisting of Club and POA representation, along with Heather Myers, are working closely with the new agency as they waste no time developing a marketing and branding strategy to target new golf Members and individuals to Western North Carolina.

I feel proud to be part of a team that has turned words into actions, design into construction, and goals into progress. However, the work isn't over yet. The efforts in Phase I will make significant improvements, as will the plan to replace the irrigation system in Phase II. However, as we complete Phase I and Phase II, it is critical that we, as a Club, maintain and balance Club improvements with the need to remain price competitive among other top-tier Clubs in our competitive area. We need to balance improvements to make our Club viable, while ensuring our Club remains affordable for both current and potential Members.

Again, thank you and enjoy your wonderful Club.

*Citizen to Citizen Diplomacy
(not to mention a little night music!)
by Marilyn Schmidt*

Many of us may be vaguely aware that Hendersonville has sister cities. What we don't know is where they are located. Actually, if we give any thought to the Sister City organization at all, it's probably in the context of, "Why do we even have them?"

Founded in 1956 by Dwight Eisenhower, the mission of Sister Cities International was (and still is), "to be champions for peace and prosperity by fostering bonds between people around the world", (Hendersonville Sister Cities webpage). The focus at inception was to create partnerships between Japanese cities and those in the United States. In the ensuing years, the program has grown to include cities in countries around the world.

By now you're probably wondering what all this has to do with Champion Hills. Hang on; I'm getting to that.

The short answer is Mike and Bev Swartzlander. Growing up in Pennsylvania, they have since benefitted from Mike's chemical engineering background and have lived a life of international travel. They have lived abroad, traveled widely on family vacations, and have immersed themselves and their children in the cultures of other nations. After a lengthy assignment in India (which included narrowly escaping an attack by Pakistani terrorists), the couple returned to Dublin (Columbus) OH, which was their home for 24 years prior to their moving to Champion Hills. After Mike's retirement, they followed their children and granddaughter to WNC, specifically Champion Hills. That's where we pick up their story and consider what the couple's involvement with Sister Cities International is contributing to Hendersonville.



Home to Ohio State University, Columbus is a diverse and cosmopolitan city. Given their international background, it was natural for Mike to become involved with the Columbus chapter of Sister Cities, eventually serving on the Board during most of the time the Swartzlanders lived in Ohio.

When the couple relocated to Hendersonville, they missed the same degree of diversity and the opportunity to interact with others who had similar life experiences. Joining Hendersonville Sister Cities was the solution. In short order, Mike was on the Board and has been the president for the past two years.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the local Sister Cities organization, the chapter is creating a student ambassador scholarship to provide financial support to a Henderson County student studying abroad. To raise money to fund the scholarship, the chapter has partnered with AmiciMusic (Music Among Friends), founded by Daniel Weiser, a former Asheville resident. According to its website, AmiciMusic is "Dedicated to performing... classical music in intimate venues and non-traditional spaces", routinely offering chamber music concerts in homes and small venues, primarily in the Asheville and Baltimore MD areas. Several concerts have already occurred in the local area, including one recently at the home of Ron and Linda Lipham, co-sponsored by the Liphams and the Swartzlanders.

On Saturday, November 18, Champion Hills will be the site of "APPASSIONATA" The Romance of Italian Opera, sponsored by the Swartzlanders and Renzo Maietto, owner of Renzo's Ristorante in downtown Hendersonville. As Verbania, Italy, is one of Hendersonville's sister cities (the other is Almuñécar, Spain), Renzo was delighted to co-sponsor a concert honoring his Italian roots. The evening of music includes Italian cuisine and the performance of many selections from Italian Opera by three Asheville opera singers. In addition to the music itself, Weiser will intersperse background information about the composers, the operas, and the individual pieces. The concert is open to the public; more information can be found at hendersonvillesistercities.com.

Preferred Lies

Preferred lies are in effect November-April. This means a ball lying in the fairway may be lifted, cleaned, and placed within six inches of its original position no closer to the hole.

Tournament Winners

Men's Green Tee Cup Friday, October 13

Overall Champions
Ralph Grant and Alan Wasserman

Flight 1
1st Place
Rick Hackel & Mike Corbett

Flight 2
1st Place
Mark Lundeen & Gary Breissinger

Flight 3
1st Place
Jesse Jones & Michael Fong

Flight 4
1st Place
Ralph Grant & Alan Wasserman

Flight 5
1st Place
Jim Petillo & John Mellott

Husband and Wife Championship Sunday, October 15

Overall Champions
Warren & Karen Zwecker

Flight 1
1st Place
Frank & Donna Giannuzzi

Flight 2
1st Place
Bruce & Marlene Rau

Tip from the Pro – Short Game Practice

By Ty Harris

I have noticed that most golfers spend too much of their practice time on the driving range and not enough on their short game. Why is this? My guess is that we want to find the “perfect” swing which will help us hit the ball longer, straighter, more solidly, and more consistently in order to post lower scores. This type of practice may improve your ball striking, but, really, are you noticing a change in your scores?

For most golfers, 35% of their score comes from shots that are 50 yards and longer. The remaining 65% is the short game. To break this down even further, 40% of your score occurs on the green and 25% is from the edge of the green to approximately 50 yards from the green.

I challenge each of you to reconsider your practice routine and focus on working on all parts of your game continually and equally. A great routine is to practice in thirds. The first third should be putting. The second third should be spent hitting a variety of shots around the green. The last third should be ball striking on the driving range. Following this routine will create consistency in all areas of your game which will result in shooting lower scores.

As a reminder, golf shop credit and gift certificates expire on December 31.



We had some interesting golfers playing on Tuesday, October 31, for the Spooktacular event. Nearly 90 Members participated in the fun, 9-hole tournament. Many wore costumes too! Lynn Hackel and Valerie Fitzgerald posed as unicorns (and so did their husbands - Rick Hackel and Brian Fitzgerald!). The masked Members to the right are Nancy and Paul Bertelli.

Group Exercise

During construction, group exercise classes will be held in the Clubhouse. The class schedule has changed slightly. Changes are indicated in **red**.

Monday

8 am - Strength-60
9 am - NIA

Tuesday

8 am - Yoga for Men
9:30 am - FXP Body Sculpt

Wednesday

8 am - Pilates
9 am - Jazzercise

Thursday

8:30 am - Yoga
9:30 am - Strength-60

Friday

8 am - Pilates

Saturday

9:30 am - Jazzercise

Sunday

8:30 am - Hatha Yoga

For more information about the Group Exercise Schedule, [visit **chmember.com**](http://visit.chmember.com).

Staying fit during the renovation!

We want you to stay fit during the renovation! Below are a few of the options available in our area.

Planet Fitness: 513-5097
YMCA: 513-5097
Pardee: 693-5114

For more information, call 696-1962!

Fitness News

As all of you know by now, our last day in the fitness center was October 29. When we reopen in the spring, you will have a spectacular new fitness center which will serve you for years to come. Look for pictures and updates throughout the remodel to keep you aware of what is happening.

Champion Hills Food Drive

Due to the beginning of construction in the Fitness Center, the food drive was concluded on October 29; the food was donated to the Hendersonville Rescue Mission. Thanks to all who participated.



Tennis News

Court Playability, Weather, and Restrooms

Clay courts are subject to playability issues during the winter. Check your e-mail on cold or wet winter days for information on court conditions. Also, remember that during the construction project, the restrooms will not be accessible, so plan accordingly.

The Tennis Year in Review



This year we fielded 10 USTA league teams either playing at Champion Hills or at other clubs in the area. At least six of these teams reached state tournaments. The Ladies' Tri-Level team won its first dual match in club history.

Tennis Viewing Deck

Thanks to builder Scott Miller, we now have a new tennis viewing deck. Thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication to this project.



Trivia

Wednesday, November 8
Cocktails: 5 | Dinner: 7
Trivia: 7



Ladies' Holiday Tea
Wednesday, December 12
1-3 pm



Thirsty Thursday &
Fresh Pizzas To-go
Every Thursday
4-6 pm



Prime Rib Special
Fridays



* Winter Dining Hours
Effective November 1

Lunch

Tues-Sat: 11:30-2:30

Dinner

Wed, Fri & Sun: 5:30-8

Sunday Brunch

Sun: 11-2

Ladies' Luncheon - Wednesday, November 15
Topic: Co-existing with Wildlife
11:45 am

Presenter: Jennifer Rowe-Wildlife Education Specialist. Learn what to do in case of a bear encounter or a snake bite. Presentation will be followed by Q&A. Lunch will be served at noon.

[Visit chmember.com to register today!](http://chmember.com)



Holiday CATERING
Home for the Holidays?

Treat your family, friends and neighbors to the great taste of Champion Hills this holiday.

FROM THE ROASTING PAN

- 10-15 LB ALL NATURAL TURKEY
- 6-8 LB NEUSKE'S SPIRAL SLICED HAM
- 4-5 LB BEEF TENDERLOIN

ACCOMPANIMENTS

- SOURDOUGH STUFFING • SWEET POTATO SOUFFLE
- GREENS SALAD & VINAIGRETTE • GREEN BEANS WITH BACON & ONIONS • MASHED POTATOES
- FRESH VEGETABLE MEDLEY • CRANBERRY SAUCE GRAVY

DESSERTS

- PUMPKIN PIE • PECAN PIE • APPLE PIE
- ASSORTED COOKIES & BROWNIES

PLATTERS

- SHRIMP COCKTAIL
- IMPORTED & DOMESTIC CHEESE

To learn more about Champion Hills 'Home for the Holidays' catering, please visit chmember.com or call 696-0766.



All orders must be received by Wednesday, November 15. All orders must be picked up no later than 2:30 pm on Thursday, November 23. The Club will close at 3 pm.

For more information about Champion Hills catering, please call Cathy at 696-1962, ext. 1317, or email cathyb@championhills.com.

Annual Election Meeting

On Tuesday, October 31, the Notice of the Annual Election Meeting and the Nominations for Club Board and POA Board candidates, along with biographical information, were sent to the primary Member of all eligible voting members and residents. If you did not receive a voting package, please contact Jamie at 696-1962.

As a reminder, all proxies or electronic votes must be submitted by 5 pm on **November 30**. The results will be announced at the Annual Election Meeting on Monday, December 4 at 3 pm (Club) and 3:05 (POA).

Bridge Winners

Party Bridge

October 4

1. Terry Robbins
2. Shannon Coghill
3. Angela Fulton
4. Betty Martin

October 18

1. Angela Fulton
2. Barbara Lessig
3. Tie: Terry Robbins & Nancy Kays

Duplicate Bridge

October 11

1. Susan Culley & Betty Martin
2. Judy Hummer & Liz Bustamante



Trivia - October 5

We experienced a 'first' in Champion Hills Trivia history on October 5: A three-way tie for first place that could not be broken! Congratulations to the Brainiacs (B), Victorious Secret (VS) and the Alternative Facts (AF) on their victories and their place in Champion Hills Trivia history!

From left to right Marta & Scott Loftfield (B), Lynn & Stan McFarland (B), Steve & Lisa Landis (VS), Marshall & Debra Goldman (VS) Rick & Rosemary Johnston (VS), Arnie & Beverly Cole (AF), Tamar Wolbrom (AF), Susan & George Yuhasz (AF), and Marty Allen (AF).

Be an Angel, Take an Angel

The year has gone by faster than we'd like and the holidays will soon be upon us. Once again our Champion Hills Community will have the opportunity to be Christmas Angels. Our Angel Tree will be on display in the Clubhouse lobby around mid-November.

The first group of Angels on our tree will be children of our hourly employees. Once these Angels are taken, we will fill the tree with Salvation Army Angels.

Please take an Angel and make Christmas merry for a needy Henderson County child. If you will not be here for the holidays but want to sponsor a child, contact Gloria Ross (696-3879) or Bonni Spry (698-0367). A wonderful committee has volunteered to handle the shopping. Thank you for all your support.

Gloria and Bonni

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Winter Dining Hours Begin	2 Thirsty Thursday & Fresh Pizzas To-go (4-6 pm)	3 Prime Rib Special	4 <i>Outside Event</i>
5	6 Clubhouse Closed	7	8 Trivia	9 Thirsty Thursday & Fresh Pizzas To-go (4-6 pm)	10 Prime Rib Special	11 <i>Outside Event</i>
12	13 Clubhouse Closed	14	15 Ladies' Luncheon	16 Thirsty Thursday & Fresh Pizzas To-go (4-6 pm)	17 Prime Rib Special	18 <i>Outside Event</i>
19	20 Clubhouse Closed	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Plated Lunch 11:30-2	24 Prime Rib Special	25
26	27 Clubhouse Closed	28	29	30 Election Voting Deadline - 5 pm Thirsty Thursday & Fresh Pizzas To-go (4-6)		