

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is the month of March and I am listening for the drums and the music, even the name suggests movement. And there is a great deal of movement planned for the members of Carefree this month. It's a social calendar that includes dinners, dancing, both indoors and out. It's a series of events to celebrate our beginnings as a community.

There are meetings to be held culminating in our Annual Meeting where decisions will be made concerning our future which will require your participation. You will select three Directors to the Board for a term of three years. This will be one of your most important decisions this month.

There will be contests, tournaments and Senior Games to determine the best of our best. I am beginning to feel the motion of this month; it's an exciting and busy time in Carefree. And speaking of movement, this will be my last message to you as president of the Board of Directors. I want you all to know that it has been a privilege to serve as member of the Board and I thank you for that opportunity.

Wait, I think I hear the music. I have got to go.

Charles A. Rogers,
555



2007 'SPRING FLING BAZAAR - BAKE SALE - WHITE ELEPHANT - SHOW AND TELL

This year's Spring Fling will include a Bazaar, Bake Sale, White Elephant Table, and "Show and Tell", which is a preview of crafts for which classes will be held during the 2007 - 2008 season. The event will be held on Friday, March 9th in the upper clubhouse from 1 - 2 P.M.



Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and dessert with your friends for only \$1. Door prize drawings will be held every 10 minutes beginning at 1:10 P.M. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 each with the drawings taking place at 1:50 P.M.

All Carefree residents are encouraged to bring their favorite baked items or candies to be sold during the bake sale. Anyone residing in Carefree may rent a table (\$8 for a full, \$4 for a half) and sell their craft items. If you have a neat craft item that you would be willing to teach other community members, we'd love for you to have a "Show and Tell Table" (no charge). We'd also appreciate residents bringing an item or two for our white elephant table.

Please bring your items for the bake sale or white elephant table between 11 - 12 noon. To reserve tables for show and tell or for the craft bazaar, call Joy Gordon 324-2419 or Carolyn Hapke 326-9698 by March 2nd. (NO ITEMS WILL BE SOLD PRIOR TO 1 P.M.)

The Last Dance!



Saturday, April 7th
From 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.
Music by The Heartland Band

Tickets will be on sale on Tuesday, March 20th,
from 10 a.m. to 12 noon
Cost \$6.00 per person

Convenors: Lary & JoAnn Dillavou, # 247
Alice & Gary Gilbertson, # 257

THANK YOU!

I will be leaving Carefree on Friday, February 23rd to join my family in California. So many of you have been like family to me and I will miss you! Thanks for a wonderful ten years!



Love, Dale

RECYCLING COMMITTEE TIPS

Our recycling program is in full swing. Bins for Plastic, Tin, and Glass are located in the rear of the Maintenance Building. Aluminum Cans are also there. A separate dumpster is available for Newspapers.

We also recycle old Phone Books in the back recycle area.

Remove all caps from bottles before placing in proper bin. All colors of glass are accepted to be recycled.



Household Hazardous Waste – dispose of empty containers in dumpsters. Dispose of dry paint cans also in dumpsters. Alkaline batteries also go in the garbage.

Thanks to all my committee helpers for a job well done.

Ed Richards, # 712

SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT

It's time for the Shuffleboard tournament.

Men's – Monday, March 5th at 1:00
Women's – Thursday, March 8th at 1:00



All are welcome, come try your skills. Sign-up is at the courts till end of February – \$2.00 each.

Don Voce #624

THURSDAY BOWLING...A CHANGE



Contacts for Thursday Bowling are now:

Gene Johnson, 324-5590
George Aberts, 325-9753

(replacing Roy Young)

If you have any questions, please give us a call!

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and flowers given to Floyd while he was sick. Thank you, also, for being so kind and caring to me after he passed away. When the word Carefree comes to mind, I will always think of special people who have touched my life.



Alice Milanoski, # 849

Dear Friends,

"No words can express my gratitude to all the wonderful folks at Carefree. Your outpouring of love, prayers & support during the recent illness and loss of my Father, Floyd Milanoski, will never be forgotten. Our family has truly been blessed to have had you come into all of our lives. May GOD continue to do His work and bless every one of you."

Love, Barb

Thank You! There's no possible words to express our very sincere appreciation to our friends here in Carefree for all of the kindnesses shown to both of us during Gene's recent heart attack and recovery period. Our hearts are filled with joy over the support shown and the helping hands that were extended to us in the last several weeks. There truly is "no place like home" and we're proud to be a part of this wonderful community. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Gene & Jean Petrie, # 772

Thank You! I cannot say enough about the caring people of "Carefree Country Club". The prayers, flowers, cards, visits, goodies, meal and sincere concern for my well being is so greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Carol Montgomery for being there when her opinion was needed. Huge thanks to "my Tom", and special friends, Boere's, Watson's and Strejc's who are always there for me. You have my eternal gratitude.

Sincerely, Jeanne Dobroski, # 354

To all our Carefree Friends:

Thank you all for your prayers, concerns and many acts of kindness during Ray's illness and death.

Betty Peach & Family, # 658

**GRAB YOUR PARTNER AND
COME SQUARE DANCING**



Saturday, March 31st – Upper Clubhouse
7–8:30 p.m.
Caller is Keith Stevens

Ticket sales will be in Golf Clubhouse on
Thursday, March 15th
from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Tickets \$5

Limited to 80 persons so come early!

Conveners: Joann & Tucker Gray, # 243

M INNESOTA PARTY!



Sunday, March 18th

Bocce Tourney: 3 p.m. (sign up
on pool bulletin
board)

Social Hour: 5 p.m.

Dinner: 5:45 p.m.

Catered by Woody's BBQ. Tickets are \$9.50 per person.
Ticket sales will be:

Monday, March 5 – 9 to 11 a.m.
Wednesday, March 7 – if needed

Conveners: Joyce Grones, # 786
Rita Pansch, # 669

MARKETING



Since October 1, 2006, there have been 16
units sold. Of the 16 units sold, 3 were
renters, 11 out of the park and 2 were
owners.

**Our last Open-House will be
March 9th from 9:30 to 2 p.m.**

Before leaving the park this Spring stop at the Marketing
Office and pick-up some information packs give to
relatives or friends.

From all of the Marketing Committee, have a safe trip
home this Spring and a healthy Summer.

See you next Fall!

CAREFREE BOOK CLUB



Our next meeting will be
Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Golf Center.

“Our Endangered Values” by Jimmy Carter
will be discussed.

Everybody Welcome.
For more information contact:
Kay Hathaway #348 (324-717)

RECYCLE YOUR GREETING CARDS!

Eulalie Wicklund, Lot 438, will again collect recycled
greeting cards for the hospital and nursing homes
during March & April 2007.

LADY GOLFERS!



Join us for fun, golf,
Food and prizes!

Mark your calendar for March 21,
and join in a “FUN” game of
Golf in the morning (sign-up
sheets will be in the Golf Center starting March 15), a
“Till We Meet Again” Party at 4 p.m. in the Upper
Clubhouse. By popular request, the menu will be a
Potluck Salad and Dessert. Last names starting with A-M
are requested to bring a salad and names starting with N-
Z are requested to bring a dessert. There will be lots of
good fellowship and prizes to finish out our year of golf.
For those staying until April, we will have one final outing
on April 11th.

We have enjoyed organizing the games and awarding the
prizes and look forward to seeing all of you on the course.

Karen Dorman, # 556
Harriet Mouw, # 1011



**For each petal on the shamrock
This brings a wish your way-
Good health, good luck, and happiness
For today and every day.**

**THE CAREFREE
GREY EAGLES**



The Grey Eagles met Monday, February 19th in the Upper Clubhouse. Jim Carlin presented a video about the retirement of the F-14, "Tomcat", from service in the Navy.

Members of the Grey Eagles received promotional material of Sikorsky Aircraft from Steven Rogers, son of Charlie Rogers. The gifts consisted of coffee mugs, pictures, T-shirts and sweat shirts. It's always fun to get a prize!!!

Art Tomes, # 552 – 324-3322

MICHIGAN DAY

Meet your fellow Michiganders
Saturday, March 3rd
3 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.- Upper Clubhouse



Tickets – \$6.00 per person
Sloppy Joe Dinner provided!
Coffee and Lemonade provided!

RSVP to:
Howard or Carol Houghton, # 472 – 875-1201

CAREFREE BEARS



In addition to making bears for Winter Haven Hospital and Sheriff's Dept., we have added the Regency Center for preemie babies. These bears are given to the mother's for their scent and then placed in the incubator with the babies.

We still need polyster fill! Thanks for all donations, which are greatly appreciated! Join us on Thursdays from 1:30-3:00 pm in the Lake Bess Room. See you then!

Anyone interested in making knitted hats for the preemies, please contact

PEANUT BUTTER – WARNING!!!



"Great Value" peanut butter from Walmart was one of the ones included in the recent recall.

The number on the jar is 2111.
Thank you, Betty Goodman, # 570, for this tip!

100TH BIRTHDAY!



Vera Petrie, Mom of Gene Petrie, #772, and former resident of Carefree, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on April 5th. Many of you

know her and may want to be part of a "card shower" to help her celebrate this very special occasion. She is "going strong" and still as sharp as a tack. There's no doubt that she'd remember each and every one of you.....especially the bridge players! Her address is:

4501 Shoreline Drive, # 130,
Spring Park, MN 55384

Thanks for considering this opportunity to share in our tribute to her.

Gene & Jean Petrie, # 772

**2007 ANNUAL CAREFREE
MEMBERS-ONLY TOURNAMENT**

There will be both a Carefree Members' Golf Tournament (four days) for men and women and a Carefree Senior Members' Golf Tournament (two days) for men and women 72 and over. The Tournament dates are Monday, March 12; Tuesday, March 13; Thursday, March 15 and Friday March 16. Rain dates are Wednesday, March 14 and Monday, March 19.

Please mark your calendars to keep these dates open. Any person with a white Carefree Golf I.D. picture card is eligible to register for the tournament. This card must be shown at the time of registration. A \$8.00 per tournament event registration fee is due at the time of sign-up. Sign-



ups will be held in the Golf Center on February 26th and 27th and March 1st from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Each entrant must have a ten-round established handicap.

Golf Tournament Co-Chairmen:
Bud Aber, # 554 – 325-9753
Bob Borgstrom, # 808 – 324-5672

THANK YOU!

The Lower Clubhouse Decorating Committee thanks Chuck Radloff, Lot #1003 for sharing with us some of his beautiful pictures. If you have not seen them, they are in the tv area of the Lower Clubhouse. If you see Chuck tell him what a great photographer he is.

Loree Rumple
Judy Kiriluk

Mary Wedig
Priscilla Badgley

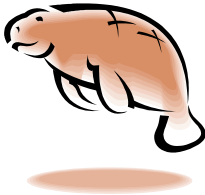


CAREFREE TRAVEL CLUB
NEWS

March 31 - "Mama Mia" - 2 p.m. Matinee.
This is a great Broadway Show at the Ruth
Eckerd Theater, Clearwater. \$85 ticket/bus.

Bus will pick us up here at Carefree – watch the Bulletin Board and Channel 95 for the time! (As of February 14th we have 16 paid CFCC people going) – hurry and call **Personal Touch Tours – 292-8701** for tickets – this is a great show!

April 4/5 – Fort Myers – Manatee Boat Tour, Broadway Palms Dinner Theater "Dam Yankees"; April 5th – Edison Ford Museum (1 night). \$265 per person-double occupancy. Last day to sign up is March 10th – call as soon as possible!



Please Note: You are not reserved until you call "PERSONAL TOUCH TOURS" at 292-8701 and **PAY!** (1146 Havendale Blvd., Spring Lake Square in Winter Haven) When reserving, tell them you are from "Carefree".

The next Travel Club meeting is March 12th – 7 to 8 p.m. Bring ideas on travel and we'll have a discussion on a "Travel Club".

Travel Coordinators,
Judy & Harold Honkola, # 710
Virginia & Jim Kirchoff, # 435

ACTIVITIES MARCH
MADNESS BEGINS

With so many March events planned, and so little time, I urge residents to keep on top of things by watching Channel 95 and reading all the notices on our billboards. But the BIGGEST events will be commemorating our 20th Anniversary! Following is all the info you'll need to know.

20TH ANNIVERSARY – 1987 – 2007

The Flamingo Event continues. . . .



March 4 - Anniversary Dinner (tickets were on sale Feb. 19th, and sold in 45 minutes!)

March 5 - 250 Free Breakfasts served at the Clubhouse from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. No tickets will be sold, first come, first served.

March 5th at 5:30 p.m.
20th Anniversary Ceremony
Anniversary Cake and Coffee will be served in the Upper Clubhouse following a special presentation honoring our 20 plus year residents. Please remember we are limited to 280 in the Clubhouse.

If you are unable to attend the Anniversary Dinner or Ceremony a live broadcast of these events will be on Channel 95.

Kay Dawson, Chair #448

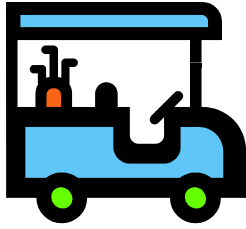
OFFICIAL NOTICE

RULES CHANGE (SHEDS)

TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE MARCH 8TH, BOARD MEETING, 9:30 A.M.

Storage Sheds – Sheds must be constructed of rustproof metal, wood or vinyl with the option of an asphalt shingled roof. One shed may be installed in the rear of each lot. It must be securely attached to a concrete base and conform to side and rear setbacks. Allowable shed size may not exceed ten (10) feet wide, ten (10) feet deep, nine (9) feet high at peak and seven (7) feet wall heights. Wall heights must be equal. Front door/doors may be no less than six (6) feet high and a maximum of six (6) feet wide. Roof pitch must be no less than 3-12 with an optional overhang of up to eight (8) inches. No upright, stand alone or attachment of storage containers is permitted.

'FORE' YOUR INFORMATION



As Carefree's resident owners prepare for our Annual Golf Tournament I want to remind you to record your scores into the computer for a valid handicap to play. You must have 10 rounds played and recorded to qualify. Let's not have anyone

watching from the sidelines for not entering their games.

Once again, the Golf Committee would like to thank everyone who worked on the golf course at our annual Work Day. Mike, our course superintendent, was amazed at the number of residents who turned out for this event. In his years of experience he has never seen such devotion and how many projects were accomplished.

Our new line of logo golf clothing is selling well and your committee hopes you're enjoying your new apparel.

Please remember the following rules concerning our course: Fishing is not allowed on the 8th pond while the course is open. Keep motorized golf carts a minimum of 30 feet from the greens and pull carts 20 feet from the greens. Use cart paths where provided.

February proved to be a wet month with our course being closed due to excessive amounts of rain. We all need to work with Mike when the decision is made to close the course. Please remember that these decisions are made to preserve the course.

Don Lenhart, a member of the Golf Committee, recently returned home for his mother's funeral. The committee wishes to extend our condolences to Don and Jacque.

Paul Dawson, Chair #448

GOLF RULE CHANGE



There is a golf rule change effective 2/15/07.

Please pick up your copy for your Blue Book at the Office.

CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN!

John Swartz, # 515, had an eagle on # 9 on Sunday, January 21st!



CAREFREE CHAPEL COMMITTEE



Our Ecumenical Worship Services started in November and will continue through Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007 under the leadership of Pastor Ray Haugland, # 869.

One way Carefree Chapel reaches into the community in which we live is through Anchor House Ministries. Anchor House Ministries is a Christian residential home for abused and neglected boys and young men ages 10-17 from private families. They can house 48 boys and provide on-site schooling using a Christian based curriculum, providing individualized attention, and focusing on improving the basic skills of the boys. If funds are available we make a donation to Anchor House after all our financial obligations have been met. Every Christmas Eve we have cookies and punch after services and encourage people to bring extra cookies for Anchor House. Carl and Annaree Benhase delivered the cookies to the boys in January.

We have a prayer vine available for anyone in the park that is in need of prayer. We have 24 pray-ers on an e-mail prayer vine. Contact Jean Westermann at 318-0519 if you are in need of prayer.

Attendance has been good this season. On Sunday, February 4, 2007 we had more worshippers than chairs to seat them. It seems that our seating capacity exceeds our capacity to seat.

Thanks to our audio visual team our services are broadcast over Channel 95. I'm finding that we have quite a large viewing audience in the park. I want to thank our audio visual team for making our services available to all who reside at Carefree.

Jean Westermann, Chapel Committee Chair – # 705

BOCCE BALL

The courts have been in excellent condition this year thanks for our Greens' Keeper! There has been a lot of activity on the courts this season.

On March 2nd, Carefree will host the "Polk Senior Games, Bocce Ball Event". All are welcome to come and cheer!

Our Carefree Annual Bocce Ball Tournament will be on Wednesday, March 7th at 10 a.m.

Sign up during regular bocce.

Marianne Kiegel, # 431

STREET DANCE CALENDAR – 2007



The next Street Dance is:

Thursday, March 22nd – 4:00 P.M.
until Dusk

Convenors: Chuck and Ruth Bianchi, # 512

MUSIC BY THE GOLDTONES

CANCER FUN-D DAY

Sunday, March 11th at 1:30 p.m.
at back porch of Rita & Hal Doten, Lot #1001
Bring your own chair!
Entertainment (Carefree Fun Band/Sing Along
– Harry Hayes

Food – Drink – Raffle – Prizes

Sloppy Joes, Chips, Pop or Water – \$3.50

Close to Pin Contest – Golf Course –
\$1.00 donation 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Putting Contest – \$1.00 donation
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Raffle:

- Hand Made Swedish Weave Afghan
- Commuter Coffee Maker, Button Operation,
Brews 2 Commuter Cups of Coffee
- Wood Memory Golf Box with Clock
- 6 Piece Cutlery Set with Cutting Board

LUMINARIES MEMORY VIGIL

SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH – SUNSET AT GAZEBO

Luminary donations in honor or memory of family and
friends who we want to remember, also celebration of
loved ones can be purchased at Flea Market – Feb. 22nd.

Lew & Mary Trumper, # 835 – 326-9504

SHUFFLEBOARD DINNER

Sunday March 11th
Upper Clubhouse.
All are welcome, sign-up
in pool hallway or at courts.
Meat (ham) provided.
Bring a dish to pass, your own
place setting and drinks.
Coffee and tea provided.

4 p.m.: HAPPY HOUR
5 p.m. – DINNER

Don Voce #624

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE



SATURDAY, MARCH 10

7:30 TO 10:30 P.M.

Music by Len & Lois

Tickets will be on sale in the Golf Center on Monday,
February 26th and Tuesday, February 27th from 9 to
11 a.m.

Bring your photo ID – 2 tickets only per lot. \$6.00 per
person. Cash only please!



Convenors: Sharon McClintock, # 1012
Paul Murray, # 573
Mary & Harry Beernink, # 875
Bonnie & Bob Edwards, # 562

CAREFREE COMPUTER NIGHT

We meet once a month!

Our next meeting will be
Monday, March 19th



Plan to join us and bring your lap-
top!

The new address for the Carefree Website is:
www.carefreecountryclub.org

NEW RESIDENTS' RECEPTION

Thanks to all who made our 2007 New Residents' Reception a success. We introduced over 80 new residents and with the entertainment time was just flying! We had something prepared which touched on the importance of our values of good neighborly "Carefree" living.

**If you hear it – You forget
If you read it – You remember
If you feel it – You understand**

So instead of just letting you listen to it we thought it might be more effective for all of us to print it in the Carefree Times and use it as a reference guide! Thanks again to all!

Kathy & Frank Weis # 821



SIX PILLARS OF NEIGHBORLY "CAREFREE" LIVING

Trustworthiness

Be honest * Never Deceive, cheat or steal * Be reliable – do what you say you'll do * Have the courage to do the right thing * Build a good reputation * Volunteer

Respect

Treat others with respect: follow the Golden Rule * Be tolerant to differences * Use good manners, not bad language * Be considerate of the feelings of others * Volunteer

Responsibility

Do what you are supposed to do * Persevere: keep on trying * Always do your best * Use self control * Be self-disciplined * Think before you act and consider the consequences of your actions * Be accountable for your choices * Volunteer

Fairness

Follow the rules * Take turns and share * Be open-minded; listen to others * Don't take advantage of others * Don't blame others carelessly * Volunteer

Caring

Be kind * Be compassionate and show you care * Express gratitude, thank people * Forgive others * Help others in need * Volunteer

Community Living

Do your share to make your community better * Cooperate * Stay informed; vote * Be a good neighbor * Obey laws and rules * Respect authority * Protect the environment * Volunteer

CAREFREE NATURAL HISTORY

By Byron Bratlie # 909



As many of you have probably noticed, our Ospreys are back and are reinforcing their nest. They should start brooding soon. I still have not had a chance to get to the swamp to check out the cranes' nesting. I have been seeing a single crane on the golf course, so I assume one pair must be nesting.

The Great Horned Owl is still sitting on the nest. Someone said they found an egg on the ground so we will have to wait and see how many young there are.

We have been visited several times this winter by White Pelicans. The long-necked black birds accompanying them are Double-Crested Cormorants. Some people seem to think that the pelicans will clean out a lake. We have probably thousands of pelicans that spend the winter in the mines south of Bartow and apparently never run out of food.

Does anyone along the perimeter fence have Bobwhites coming to their feeder? Apparently I lost mine as I have not seen any since November.



... FROM THE EDITOR!

1. A special thanks to Shirley Francis, # 718, and her Committee for delivering this issue one day earlier than scheduled to accommodate the amendment to the rules (see Page 5). Thanks too, to Jean Petrie for having the calendar ready early!
2. The April issue of the Carefree Times will be the last issue until November 2007.
3. The deadline for articles for the April issue will be Thursday, March 15th. Articles can be e-mailed to:

times@carefreecountryclub.org

or

delivered to Ruth Armstrong, # 533

4. For those of you leaving Carefree in the month of March, we wish you a safe journey home and look forward to seeing you next year!