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# Carefree Times

## Letter from President Priscilla Badgley

Welcome to the first issue of the revamped Carefree Times. Your friends and family that make Carefree their year round home have seen the summer just slip away as I'm sure it has for our winter residents. Ruth Armstrong has found it necessary to resign as the Carefree Editor. She will be missed as she consistently produced an outstanding magazine for us every month six times a year. Her dedication and hard work has been greatly appreciated by all of us. Carol Ann Pickering has agreed to be the Computer Editor. She will not be alone; there will be several people involved proofreading, assembling and delivering the Times to your home. With this, you will notice many changes as we strive



to look at the budget and still provide you with news items. Please make sure you thank Ruth when you see her and to welcome and support Carol for volunteering to take over a Carefree tradition.

So many changes since May! The trash compactor is a welcome addition and working well. No more ugly, smelly dumpsters! Remember, there is a dumpster for household items and building supplies. **DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING ON THE GROUND!** If too heavy for you, ask for assistance.

The new gate is up and running. Many guests that have come through these gates have commented on what a our beautiful new entrance.

The clothesline area has been dismantled and the wall painted a pretty light blue to compliment that area. Now we have a beautiful scenic view of the lake, swimming pool and shuffleboard area.

Now fasten your seat belts and hold on for another active and exciting season as we all join in the planned activities and meeting up with all our friends.

### Special Points Of Interest

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## Golf Course News by Paul Dawson and Mike Rice



On behalf of the Golf Committee, it sure feels good to be back! Each day the Snowbirds continue to arrive as we are warmly welcomed back by all of our extended family of full time Carefree residents.

I believe that Mike and his crew have done a great job in keeping our golf course

in great shape. I urge you to be patient as they continue their work on getting the fairways to a playable height followed by winter over-seeding. My opinion is that the course has never looked better.

We urge you to follow the rules below to assure a well maintained course:

\*Keep all electric and gas carts at least 30 feet from the greens

\*Always repair ball marks on the greens, are greens are small and get so much use that they need our tender loving care at all times

\*Fill all divots on the  
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*Solan Bain was named this summer "NEW PARK SUPERVISOR"*

## Meet Our Employee's

To many of you, his face will look familiar, Solon was hired by Ed Rawles April 29, 1996. He worked cutting grass and maintaining lawns in the park for many years while also assisting the supervisor in many areas including the Waste Water and Water Treatment Plants. For the past two years, he also performed the duties of mechanic.

Solon is well liked by his fellow employees and the home owners. For many years he was encouraged to complete his education and apply for WWTP and Water License. At some point in the past year Solon became aware of the need to complete his education and kept it a secret until the Supervisor Position became available.

The decision to promote

Solon was not hard; he is a very knowledgeable person and for the past few months he has proven that he is very capable. The manager is now encouraging Solon to continue his studies and get for a WWTP License.

Solon wishes to Thank you for the opportunity to serve this community and is looking forward to many great years ahead.

## The Employees Christmas Luncheon

*We Care about our employees and Christmas is the time to show it!!!*

It's that time of year again when we all say thank you to our employees for their hard and caring work in our park throughout the year. We do this through monetary donations either by check made payable to Suzanne Aber or cash that can be delivered to the following: Anna Giese 785,

Sue Aber #554, Shirley Dussl #475, or Ruth Lerom #851. With these donations we provide a Christmas luncheon, gifts and cookies for our employees.

Our luncheon will take place in the Lake Bess Room on December 19 at 12 p.m. Our opening collection of donations will be

at the gazebo following the salute to our Veterans.

Thank you in advance for the consideration to our employees.

**Sue Aber #554**

## Golf Course News Continued from Page One

on the tee boxes Your committee has purchased a new handicap software program which will be up and running by November 1st. With this new program we will no longer have to pay over \$300 yearly for updates. This new program is a one time only purchase

and will fill all our needs. Directions are posted and there are prompts for entering your scores. Any questions, just give me a call.

The committee agrees with Mike that the course needs to be closed one day a month for maintenance that cannot be done

during play. Weather will always be the deciding factor along with needed volunteers. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Golf Center for anyone interested in helping up with these monthly projects. Perhaps coffee and donuts as well. More info to follow.

Looking forward to seeing you on the links!

**Paul Dawson,  
Golf Committee**

## ACTIVITIES YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

Our summer season has come to a close and what a summer we have had! Several golf tournaments, the pool parties, pot luck dinners, taco salad dinner, biscuit and gravy breakfast, homemade ice cream social, Three Free breakfasts and the highlight of the season, the Spaghetti Dinner and show. For those of you who were not here I hope you check it out on our web site. It was totally awesome!!! Our Summer Activities were coordinated by Joanne Eschbach.

I had thoughts of highlighting some of our upcoming events but I think it is more important to let you know what your Activities Committee is all about. Put it simply, we are a hard-working dedicated group of volunteers who raise money for Carefree. In doing so, we help keep our dues down and provide monies to purchases those items that are needed in the community. Of course, you know we provide the Christmas decorations that make our park so beautiful every year, the pool cover, the pool lounge chairs, the shuffleboard benches and equipment and the list goes on and on. But are you aware: when you play cards we provide those cards as well as the tables and chairs, when you play bocce ball we pay to line the courts and provide all that equipment? When you are in the Clubhouse and decide to lounge on the couch and watch TV guess who provided all that. Want to read a book, play ping pong, shoot pool, do you know where all that comes from?

### **Activities.....**

Are you also aware we donated money for the Building and Grounds Building, Cap Shed, and Trees for the golf course after the Hurricane? From 1995 thru 2008 your Activities Committee gave back to our community **\$128,739.41**.

So please invest your money wisely this year and support ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE by supporting our events.

**Loree Rumble-Chairman**

### **55 & Alive**

Dates have been set for "55 & Alive" (refresher driving classes) Class limited to 25.

Mark your calendars with these dates !!!!!

Tuesday, November 18th, 10-2:00 PM

Wednesday, November 19th, 10:30-2:30 PM

Sign up sheet is on on the Bulletin Board in the lower Clubhouse.

**Edna Danielson #235**



Once again the Canadians' are preparing our American Thanksgiving Dinner. Please watch the bulletin board for more information for when the tickets will go on sale.

Thanksgiving  
Dinner Thursday,  
November 27th.

Carefree Cookbook has arrived!!!! Price is \$10.00. Look for dates and place to purchase books on the Carefree TV Channel 95.

**Linda Andre, Nancy Boere, and Nancy Martinson  
Cookbook Committee**

### **Holiday Bake Sale & Art/Craft Bazaar Friday, November 14th 1-3PM Upper Clubhouse**

There will be baked goods, hand crafted Items made by park residents, and an Attic Treasures Shop for our old treasures! Then make plans to sit down and visit with your Friends and neighbors over a cup of coffee and a Goody. Don't forget to take chances on our Christmas Raffle (you do not need to be present to win), Door Prize Drawings will take place every Fifteen minutes (you must be present to win these).

All residents are encouraged to make their favorite cakes items or candies to be sold at the Bake Sale. Please bring them to the Clubhouse between 12 and 12:30. If you have some treasures (we do not Accept any clothing items) to donate to the Attic Treasure Shop; please bring them at the same time You bring your baked goods.

Do you have craft items that you would like to sell? Tables are available to Carefree residents at \$6 for An 8 ft. table and \$3 for half a table. To reserve your Table, or if you have questions regarding the Holiday Bake Sale and Art/Craft Bazaar, call Carolyn Hapke At 326-9698 or Joy Gordon at 324-2418

### **Totes Bag Classes**

Patty Pennington will be teaching a class on making tote bags. This is a two session class December 2nd and December 9th 2-4 PM. See sign up sheet for details.



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All articles submitted for print in the Carefree Times shall be subject to clarity, length, space and discretion. All interviews granted by Carefree resident, or by those from throughout the Park, will be subject to approval prior to printing. Carefree Times is not a political vehicle. All articles presented by the staff and Park contributors are intended expressly for the purpose of informing and/or entertaining the readers.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY 2009**

Creative Image Photographers will take pictures January 23-26th in the Lake Bess Room. Details will be on Channel 95 in December.

**ATTENTION RESIDENTS US POSTAL DELIEVERY**

**PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE**

Please do not disturb the US Postal Delivery Person. **Leave them alone** and let them do their job. Our residents are the first to complain if the mail is delivered wrong, but did you ever think that it may be our fault?????

**Carol's News**

I am sure you have already noticed that the Carefree Times has a new look and format. This was done to reduce printing costs. It also makes it important that in the next year, we utilize all available means of getting information out to our members. We have three bulletin boards, a community bulletin board and Channel 95. These media are a good way to get information out quickly. And best of all, they are free. Beginning with this edition, the Carefree Times will be reserved for those newsworthy articles that are of general interest to all our residents. The calendar will continue to be published monthly as before. Please keep it handy for easy reference. I will be working on articles all month long and if you want your article in the next issue, please do not wait until the deadline or it may not make it.

Our delivery people have reported that many homes have **NO** clothespins or clips for the Carefree Times! If you don't have one, we won't be able to deliver your monthly copy! Please check yours out because, the summer heat is hard on plastic!!!!!!

**Security**

As people return to Carefree, please watch your speed, obey stop signs and park rules. To obtain your gate barcode, please contact the office and a member of the Security Committee will install it.

**STORAGE SPACE REMINDER**

Lot numbers **MUST** be clearly visible on all RV', Trailers, Boats or other equipment. Lot numbers serve many purposes. From a security viewpoint, it avoids problems of someone else's vehicle being in your storage space. In case of vandalism or other damage, it helps us in notifying you immediately.

Remember-Read your rules- Number 12 in Chapter 1X- "Storage spaces are limited to 1 space per storage area."

**Dick Badgley - Chairman**

**Deadline for all Carefree Times is the 15th of the each month.**

## **NOTES FROM THE MANAGER -- ED ROWLES**

**Ledger Newspaper:** Homeowners that would like the Ledger delivered to their home must call the newspaper directly at 863-299-2141 for the next day delivery. The arrangement that we once had with the circulation department is no longer available.

**Carefree Directory:** The directory for 2008/2009 is now available in the office. You will sign for your copy - one per household. Please do not allow this directory to be copied or given to others out of the park. This is for security purposes as well as controlling solicitation.

**Mail Service:** Numerous problems with the post office have been reported by many homeowners. In just the past few months we have had problems with forwarding, lost, and damaged mail. Complaints should be filed individually with Dave Lessa at the Florence Villa Post Office - 863-293-5064 or 863- 293-5318, and at the Consumer Affairs office toll free number - 800-275-8777. ALSO - Mail needs to be addressed with a name, preferably first and last - Grandma Smith or Grandpa Johnson w/o lot number cannot be delivered (one was received prior to Mother's Day with simply MOM @ 9705 Lake Bess, no last name and no name on return address!!!!!!).

**Walkers:** When gate is closed use your code - DO NOT force gate open.

**Lamp Post:** DO NOT allow vines or bushes or Christmas decorations to cover the numbers on the lamp post. Also, decorations may interfere with the sensor that controls the light bulb. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure the light bulb is working; bulbs can be obtained from the office.

**Registration:** It is important that ALL owners (and renters) inform the office if they will be gone from the park for 24 hours or more. This allows for a more accurate report (that we monitor twice weekly) and door to door deliveries. Fall check in and spring check out are required and necessary information may be missed if the office is not updated. (Includes Times delivery, Rules updates, Carefree Directory, Annual notices, summer departure check list, Phone and address changes, Verify keys, New owner info, etc).

**Renting Units:** The office MUST have the rental transfer agreement signed by the owner BEFORE the renter arrives and the \$100 fee is paid) or he has no privileges). Minimum rental is 30 days and maximum of 2 rentals per year. Renters Insurance - Occupational License - State & Local Taxes are all the owner's responsibility.

**Work Orders:** Anyone requesting work done on lots (sprinklers, light post); commons (picnic tables); Club-house - please inform the Office and a work order will be forwarded to maintenance. Please DO NOT directly contact the maintenance department. Work is done as maintenance can schedule it.

**GATE OPENERS:** Are no longer needed. Upon your return to the park, please come to the office and sign up to have a Bar Code installed on your vehicle. If a second Bar Code is needed, it can be purchased for \$10.00.

**Carefree Car Stickers:** People are reminded to put park I.D. tags on their vehicle; these are available at the office. Lot numbers on their golf carts, which can be purchased at Home Depot or Wal Mart.

**Got a Suggestion/Complaint?:** Suggestion and comment box is located in the office - we encourage everyone with good ideas to bring them forward.

**Electric Meters:** New meters have been installed on all properties.

**Forms Wall:** We have installed wall pockets in the main office to hold many of the forms you might need.

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# Recurring Daily Events



## Sunday

8:30am Choir Practice CH  
9:30am Chapel Service CH

7pm Pepper CH



## Monday

7:30am Fast Pace Aerobics CH  
8:30am Exercise CH  
9am Knife Painting LBR  
(beginning Nov. 17)  
9:30am Line Dancing CH  
10am Water Exercise - Pool

## Tuesday

7:30am Fast Pace Aerobics CH  
8:30am Exercise CH  
9:30am Fun Band CH  
10am Water Exercise - Pool  
2pm Hand & Foot CH

## Wednesday

7:30am Fast Pace Aerobics CH  
8:30am Exercise CH  
9:30am Line Dancing CH  
10am Water Exercise - Pool

7pm Poker GC  
7pm Euchre CH

## Thursday

7:30am Fast Pace Aerobics CH  
8:30am Exercise CH  
8:30am Quilters LBR  
10am Water Exercise - Pool  
1:30pm Carefree Bears LBR

7pm Bridge CH

## Friday

7:30am Fast Pace Aerobics CH  
8:30am Exercise CH  
9:30am Line Dancing CH  
10am Water Exercise - Pool

7pm Duplicate Bridge GC  
7pm Cribbage CH

## Saturday

9am Choir Practice CH  
10am Water Exercise - Pool

## November Highlights

- 1 Veteran's Day Service
- 12 Couples Golf Dinner
- 14 Holiday Bazaar
- 26 Thanksgiving Chapel Svc
- 27 Thanksgiving Dinner

### KEY

Clubhouse: CH  
Lake Bess Room: LBR  
Golf Center: GC  
Golf Ctr. Conf Room: GCC

