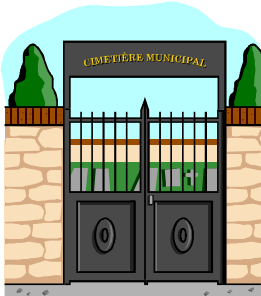




MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



March and Spring Training; yes, Spring must be just around the corner! The Cleveland Indians are back in Winter Haven to begin what will be their last spring in Florida—next year they will be in Arizona. Professional golf tours begin the Florida circuit. In nearby Orlando you can see all your favorites at the Bay Hill Invitational, or you just might want to stand on the bridge on number 8 green and watch our own men and women compete in our club championship.

There are many things to keep us busy here in Carefree as the winter season draws to a close. The New Resident Reception is set for Sunday, March 2; the Annual Meeting on March 15; St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 8th and Easter Sunday is March 23. Add to the mix all the regular things and you have another busy month. Did I miss the red shirt crew heading for Universal?

The actions at our last Board meeting in February have led to increased activity—the dock replacement, prep work at the gate and the pad for the trash compactor are all underway.

How do you like the NEW gem as you enter Carefree? I am talking about the tee box on #2. What a wonderful design and job done by the Golf Committee. Make sure to tell Paul and his committee what a great addition they have made to Carefree.

Les Hansen, President



2008 'SPRING FLING BAZAAR - BAKE SALE - WHITE ELEPHANT - SHOW AND TELL



Come to the Upper Club House on Friday, March 7th, between 1:30 - 2:30 PM. You will be able to purchase those delicious baked goods made by Carefree residents (Each of our residents are encourage to make their favorite baked goods or candies and bring them to the Clubhouse between 11:30 and 12:30 for our sale). Shop the White Elephant table for those items you just can't live without (Items for this table will be accepted between 11:30 and 12:30). Stop by the Bazaar Tables and purchase one of their hand made craft items. Make sure you pay a visit to our Show and Tell tables to sign up for crafts that will be taught next season (2008-09). Then it's time to purchase your dessert and coffee (Only \$1), sit down with your friends and enjoy a leisure visit. There will be a door prize drawing every 10 minutes, so make sure that you sign up at the Door Prize Table upon entering the Spring Fling (You do not have to be present to win). Also check out the Raffle Table, tickets for these items are for sale (You do not need to be present to win). NO ITEMS WILL BE SOLD BEFORE 1:30. If you have any questions call Joy Gordon at 324-2419.

BAZAAR TABLES AVAILABLE

If you are a Carefree resident and have art and craft items that you would like to sell at the Spring Fling, all you have to do is call Joy Gordon at 324-2419 to reserve a table. The cost is \$6 for a full table and \$4 for a half table, the deadline for table reservations is March 3rd.

SHOW AND TELL TABLES

Do you have an art or craft that you would be willing to teach to your fellow Carefree residents? Currently I am looking for folks who will teach classes for the 2008-09 season. One day classes or a series of classes can be arranged to fit into your schedule. To reserved a no charge table at the Spring Fling to teach, please call Joy Gordon at 324-2419

RECYCLING PROGRAM IS UP & RUNNING

We recycle plastic bottles, tin cans, glass, aluminum cans and newspapers. The newspaper dumpster is only for newspapers, not paper bags, plastic bags or soda cartons.

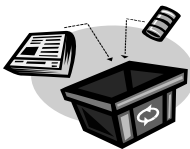


Rinse and drain all containers. Remove all caps and lids. CRUSH all plastic bottles and aluminum cans.

We are not able to accept cardboard, magazines or plastic bags. Plastic bags can be taken to your grocery store for recycling.

Cardboard boxes and magazines can be taken to the Winter Haven Recycling Center located at Avenue F and 3rd Street.

We also recycle phone books and they should be placed in the rear of our recycling area. Many thanks to all my committee volunteers for their hard work. Special thanks go out to the drivers and haulers that take our recycled items to the Winter Haven Collection area on Monday and Friday mornings – Dick Gengler, Darwin Francis, Jerry Fischer and Roger Hoeschen.



Ed Richards, # 712

SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT

Our shuffleboard season is coming to the end, with Easter being so early this year.



Our tournament will be on Monday, March 3rd and Thursday, March 6th. Sign up will be at the courts with \$2.00 entrance fee.

Our cover dish dinner will be Sunday, March 9th in the Lake Bess Room. Get together at 4:30 p.m. Dinner at 5 p.m.

Bring your own place setting, drink and a dish to pass.

Don Voce, # 624
326-1056

NEW RESIDENT RECEPTION
SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2008

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Upper Clubhouse

Your presence will help to make this a great occasion!

Entertainment, ice cream sundaes, cookies and coffee will enhance the evening!

NOTE TO FIRST TIME OWNER'S & RENTER'S
FOR 2007/2008 SEASON!

If, for some reason, you DID NOT receive your invitation for the March 2nd reception, please contact one of us:

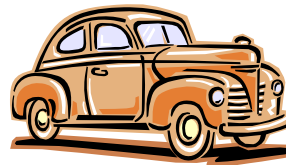


Chuck & Ruth Bianchi – 324-1026
Jim & Virginia Kirchoff – 324-0218

55 AND ALIVE
SAFE DRIVING CLASSES

These classes will be offered again in November 2008. I will try to have the dates in the April Issue of the Carefree Times.

If you would like more information now or would like to reserve a spot, please call me at 325-0929 or stop by Lot # 235.



Edna Danielson, # 235

COUPLES GOLF



A huge thank you to all the fine volunteers, who did a couples golf event this season--you did a great job--all of you.

A special thanks to Nancy & Jim Boere for helping out wherever they were needed!

Dick & Peg Smith, # 585

BINGO – BINGO – BINGO

Our Bingo Conveners are retiring after three great years!

Our thanks to
Jack & Carol Pickering
Dean & Carol Traster
Richard & Phyllis Purdy

We are looking for
NEW VOLUNTEERS

To take over this event starting in December 2008.
(it is scheduled for every Tuesday evening
at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Clubhouse)

Call Sandy Weber at 318-0299 today!



BOOK CLUB
Upcoming Schedule

Tuesday, March 11 -
A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

Tuesday, April 8 -
She's Not There by Jennifer Finney Boylan

Meetings are held at the Golf Center at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information contact



Kay Hathaway #348 324-7167

RECYCLE YOUR GREETING CARDS!

Eulalie Wicklund, Lot 438,
is collecting greeting cards to be recycled
for the hospital and nursing homes.
If you have some please drop them off at
438 during March & April 2007.



RE-SALES

There are
19 homes for sale.

The **March Open House** will
be:
Friday, March 14th
from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Six homes have
been sold since
the last open-house

Carol Neville, # 433

SECURITY NOTE

**Do you have the Carefree logo on your
auto, front and rear?**

Is your golf cart numbered?

**Is your boat or storage
trailer numbered?**

It's a rule you know!

Security Committee



March Street Dance

Thursday, March 27th
4 P.M. to Dusk

Music by DJ
Dave's Old Time Music

Gene and Audrey Elfering #261



**THE CAREFREE
GREY EAGLES**

Our next meeting is

Monday, March 17th

at 10:30 a.m. in the upper Clubhouse!

Plan to join us!

Art Tomes, # 552-324-3322

CANAM GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS



**GOLD MEDAL WINNER-
CANADA**



**SILVER MEDAL WINNER-
USA**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

**THE CANAM SERIES IS TIED AT 3 TO 3.
THE 2009 CANAM IS SCHEDULED
FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2009.**

DICK AND BERT MACKEY, # 834

ANNUAL MEETING - MARCH 15

With the Annual Meeting just a couple weeks away it is important that we all plan to participate. That's our obligation as members of the Carefree Corporation.

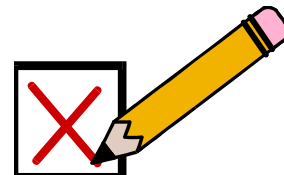
First reminder: Members are voting on three major items/issues: 1) Election of directors to the board; 2) Vote on Reserve Account questions; 3) Vote on Bylaw amendment that would change the board from 9 to 7 members.

Second reminder: Members can vote anytime before the meeting by bringing your proxy vote and ballot to the office and place in appropriate box or you can vote at the meeting. Caution: if you vote by proxy it must be in the "proxy box" in the office by 5 p.m., Friday, March 14 otherwise you can vote on the four issue at the meeting. Your ballot for board directors must be in the ballot box by 10 a.m., the start of the meeting on Saturday. The ballot box is closed promptly at the start of the meeting.

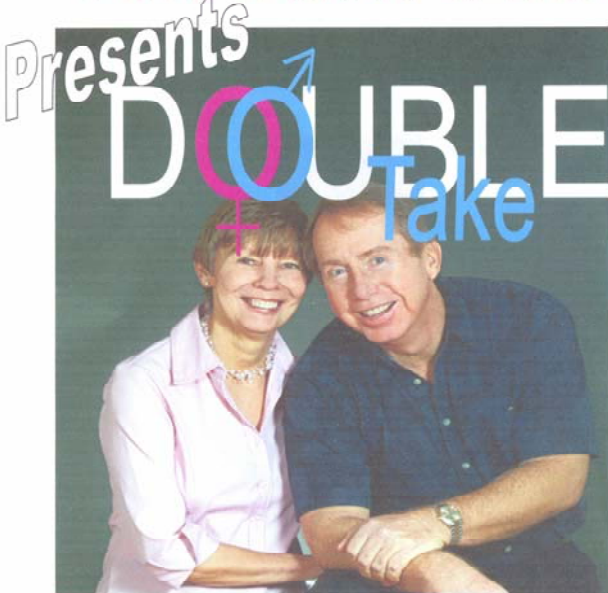
Third reminder: In case of doubt, read the directions that are with your annual meeting packet or ask a member or the board or election committee or check with the manager. Remember that the ballot outer envelope and proxy form must be signed and only by the designated voter. The Election Committee has no choice but to void any unsigned voting documents or documents that are not signed by the designated voter.

FINAL REMINDER – VOTE!

Election Committee - B. Andre, R. Petersen, J. Lerom, D. Zaun



Last Dance Mixer



April 5, 2008 7:30 - 10:30 PM

\$8.00 Per Person

Sign up March 24th and 25th

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Clubhouse Lower Level

Seating – Table number to be drawn upon arrival

At 7:30 PM

Jim & Shirley Kurn #707 and Tom & Marlene Drennen #813

Notes from the Manager's Desk!



Carefree Rule Book: Once again we are at our busiest time of the year, all our homes are occupied and many with guests, or renters and children, pets, etc. Please leave your rule book out and discuss the contents with your guests. This will help avoid many of the problems we have especially with golf carts, and the pool area.

Dumpsters: Rules state these are for bagged household trash. Cardboard boxes must be flattened before placing them in the dumpster. Other items such as construction materials, furniture or appliances should be removed by the resident.

Pool and Hot Tub: Problems with the hot tub seem to have been corrected, however, getting people to shower with soap and water, to remove lotions continues to be a problem.

Parking at the Clubhouse: Please park in the parking areas and not on the lawn.

Water Shortage: Once a week watering is still in effect, at least through April.

Pool Cover: Once again the cover is broken.

Phone Books: The new books are here and they are located in the laundry room so please help yourself!

Lake Bess Hydrilla: Many questions concerning this problem are still unanswered. However the boat launch area will be sprayed this month and in the future months at a cost of fifteen dollars a month. We have had this permitted by the proper authorities. A meeting has been arranged by Chuck Radloff to meet in the Lake Bess Room on March 10th at 7 p.m. to listen to a speaker, Michael Sowinski, a Biological Scientist, about the hydrilla problem. You are welcome to attend.



Activities Abound During March

We're unable to report on the success of Carefree's First Rubber Ducky Event due to inclement weather, the event will be repeated on Saturday, March 1. I would like to personally thank my committee for all their help. Lorree Rumble did a great job in recruiting Ducky Dumpsters, Spotters, Pluckers and Movers. Twenty great volunteers will make sure that those Duckies put on the best show. Carolyn Hapke, though unable to attend the event due to a family emergency, handled the Quilt Raffle and made sure that each resident received a special invitation to the event. Joy Gordon took over Carolyn's responsibilities in her absence, thanks Joy. A special thanks to Carefree's own Wounded Finger Quilt Club for another quilt heirloom. Kudos to Linda Andre, my official marketing specialist, who came up with the idea of Ducky Bucks and lamp post ribbons. My appreciation also to Anna Giese and Julie MacKinlay for duck sales and cajoling of each paying customer. And lets not forget our 50/50 raffle and ducky shooter volunteers, plus thanks to Diana Strejc for making all those shooters. Most important of all, YOU, for buying the ducks. Keep your fingers crossed for better weather on March 1st.

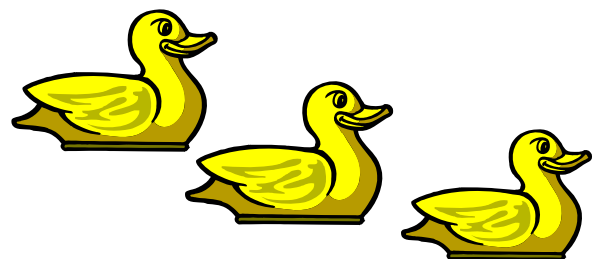


Even though we have a full month of Activities planned for you, your committee is already setting dates for next season. Bert Mackey will again be inviting chairs to put all their reserved dates into our calendar. Following this process residents will then be able to reserve their dates for all private parties.

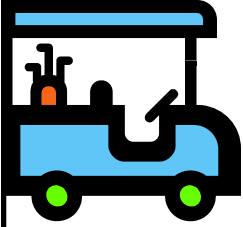
Don't forget to mark your calendar for another Karaoke Happy Hour on Wednesday, March 12, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30.p.m. Bring your own beverages and an appetizer to share. Dave McKellar will again be featuring music for all to enjoy along with over 2,000 songs for you to choose from.

Without repeating all the activities planned for March, I encourage you to carefully read all the stories and mark your calendars for another fun-filled month.

Kay Dawson, Chair, # 448



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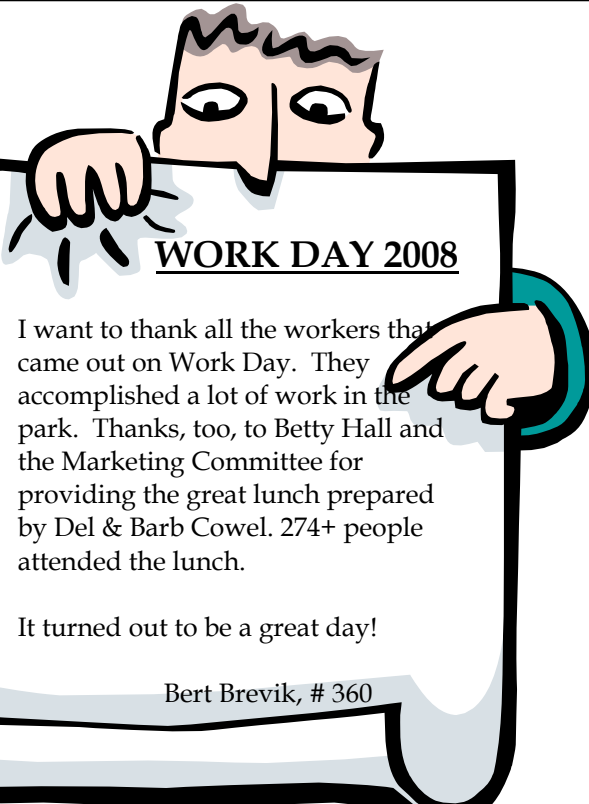


Have you been enjoying your new tee box on number 2? The list of volunteers that made this happen is so long that I know our Editor would have a hard time determining where to cut this story. You know who you are and you will be recognized at the official grand opening sometime later this month. Plans for this event will be posted on channel 95.

Sign-up dates for the club tournament are wrapped up and your tournament committee is in warp speed to put on another memorable event. With your official tournament memento in full view on the golf course, we know you are the envy of non-players. As always, we invite non-playing residents to get into the "swing" of things during tournament week. Players enjoy seeing their friends on the bridge and mingling around the golf center following each flight. So, mark these dates down for another Carefree Golf Tournament; March 10, 11, 12 and 14.

The committee continues to promote golf etiquette along with a reminder to keep all motorized carts 30 feet from all greens.

We still have logo head wear for sale and encourage everyone to make their purchase before heading north.
Paul Dawson, Chair, # 448



WORK DAY 2008

I want to thank all the workers that came out on Work Day. They accomplished a lot of work in the park. Thanks, too, to Betty Hall and the Marketing Committee for providing the great lunch prepared by Del & Barb Cowel. 274+ people attended the lunch.

It turned out to be a great day!

Bert Brevik, # 360

CANCER FUN-D DAY
MARCH 9, 2008
AT HAL & RITA DOTEN'S
BACK PORCH - LOT 1001

**LUNCH 11:30AM BRATS & HOT DOGS, CHIPS,
COOKIES, POP OR WATER – \$4.00
REFRESHMENTS/DONATIONS BEER**

MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT RAFFLE PRIZES
12:30 PM – GEORGE ARNDT/ACCORDION
1:00 PM – CAREFREE FUN BAND
**2:00 PM – SING-A-ALONG WITH HARRY
HAYES**

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS

CLOSE TO THE HOLE - GOLF CENTER
8:00AM - 4:00PM
PUTTING CONTEST - PUTTING GREEN
11:30AM - 4:00PM

RAFFLE

- ORIGINAL QUILT
- LIGHTED GLASS BLOCK

SILENT AUCTION

- CLOCK
- LIGHTED GLASS BLOCK

**LUMINARIES MEMORY VIGIL
WILL BE ON SUNDAY MARCH 9,
AT SUNSET AT THE GAZEBO**

**LUMINARIES REQUEST DONATIONS
LEW & MARY TRUMPER #835 - 326-9504**

**LUMINARIES AVAILABLE FLEA MARKET
2/28/08**

**CANCER QUILT RAFFLE /SILENT AUCTION
ALSO
AVAILABLE AT THE FLEA MARKET**

DAY OF FUN AND ACTIVITIES

EVERYONE IS INVITED

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE



St. Patrick's Dance

Saturday, March 8, 2008
7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Music by: Len & Lois

Cost: \$8
(Cash only)

Ticket Sales: Monday, February 25, 8 a.m.-10 a.m.
Tuesday, February 26, 10 a.m.-noon
in the lower Clubhouse.

Bring your golf badge or Carefree I.D.
Limit of 2 tickets per lot.

Table seating to be chosen at time of
ticket purchase.



Ralph & Norma Domras #528
Larry & Bonnie Heezen #812

TOP THE 'TATER

Sixth Street thanks all those who
supported our Top the 'Tater night
on
February 24th.



Through your efforts you've added \$808.50 to
the Carefree Activity Fund.



Sally Hammond & Martha Strickland #626



**As you slide down the banister of life,
May the splinters never point in the
wrong direction!**

CAREFREE NATURAL HISTORY

by Byron Bratlie # 909



Editor's Note:

Byron is out bird watching this
month but he will be back next
month!!

FUTURE DIRECTION OF CAREFREE



Numerous people come to
me with questions and
concerns about projects
and the direction that the
association is taking.

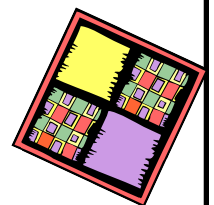
In the past I have been
very fortunate to work
with a few very knowledgeable people. One
such person inspired me with this: "The road
to success is setting goals and priorities based
upon analysis of needs and wants and most im-
portantly cost."

Possibly this could best be accomplished at
Carefree with an all encompassing "Action
Plan" that is generated by long range and short
term planners. This could be posted so that it
is visible to all and is a great way to plan and
track progress. Otherwise, you are shooting in
multiple directions and missing the target
which is very costly and confusing to all.

Ed Rawles, Manager

CANCER FUND RAFFLE

Chances for the wonderful hand-
made quilt, donated by Rita Doten,
are available from Linda Tarpley or
Mary Anne Coopy.



Drawing is March 9th at 4 p.m.

CO-EXISTING ON THE DANCE FLOOR

Ballroom Etiquette

"Follow the line of dance -- dance counter-clockwise around the room for the dances that progress/travel around the floor. Some moves may take you against line of dance and it's OK to do them if the area behind you is clear, but watch where you're going. Just remember that you don't really want to be going against line of dance for more than a couple of steps.

Stay in the proper section of the dance floor. Faster moving couples stay to the outside and slower moving/stationary couples stay to the inside, just like traffic. This is very important because people travel at different speeds and, if you're in the wrong section of the floor, you can end up blocking or running into other dancers or maybe force them to dance around you when they shouldn't have to. If you're not traveling, then get to the center to dance; don't try to hide in the corners because you'll end up blocking traffic on the outside of the room."



CAREFREE COMPUTER NIGHT



We meet once a month!
Our next meeting will be
Monday, March 17th at 7 p.m.
Plan to join us and bring your laptop!

Bill Roach, # 877 & Dave Clark, # 241



... FROM THE EDITOR!

The April issue of the Carefree Times will be the last issue until November 2008!

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

For those of you who are leaving Carefree in the month of March, we wish you a safe journey home. We look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

No words can express my family's gratitude to all the wonderful folks at Carefree. I truly appreciate your expressions of caring and concern in the passing of my Father, Robert Gallinat Sr. All through my Father's 22 years of battling Parkinson he always would talk about the good times he had participating in Carefree Activities and the good friends he made. Our family has truly been blessed with your acts of kindness and compassion during this difficult time. May GOD continue to do His work and bless every one of you. Thank you for your friendships.



Robert & Bonnie Gallinat Jr. & family, # 765

We want to express our thanks for all the kind words and memorials after the loss of our granddaughter, Kim Mouw. All your prayers on her behalf the last six years were greatly appreciated. She died peacefully on January 13 and as her husband says, "Is now dancing with Jesus".

Thank You,
Art & Shirley Vogel, #706

I would like to thank all of my Carefree friends for their prayers and words of concern during Cindy's long illness and death. The cards and phone calls meant so much to me and help me to get through this difficult time. You were all wonderful. Thank you so very much.

Betty Peach & family

To the greatest Florida Community - I wish to thank all those who have displayed their cares and concerns on my recent set-back. All is well. You're the greatest!

Bud & Sue Aber, # 554

THANK YOU!

What a wonderful, caring community! We are extremely fortunate to live here in Carefree! Thanks to all you beautiful people for all the kind gestures, and most of all your prayers. We greatly appreciate them.

Dick & Peg Smith, # 585

Thanks to the person who turned the cosmetic bag into the office. It belonged to one of our visitors and she was thrilled to get it back. Another testament of a great Carefree Community!

Jean Shasky, # 684