

# *STONEBRIDGE VILLAGE NEWS*

## *FEBRUARY 2007*

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT – DARRELL RANDELL (417.335.7869 EXT. 1756)**

**Committee Participation** - Please take an interest in the operation of your P.O.A. by participating on a committee or running for a board seat. There are By-Laws and Covenants available and also a Charter for each committee that can help you determine where you may have an interest in serving. A brief resume' of your qualifications and interests will be required for consideration by the board. Call the P.O.A. office if you have any questions.

The above is a repeat from last month because we still need your response. Several committee members who have served would like to give others the opportunity to have input into the P.O.A. operations. Think about it.

**Annual Golf Dues** – If you are planning to buy annual golf this year, now is the time. Golfers paying in January and February will get a \$100 discount. Also, the trail fees are due and anyone who owns a golf cart in StoneBridge has an obligation to pay the trail fee. Please contact the P.O.A. office or Pro Shop if you have questions.

**Golf Course Rest Rooms** – Have you noticed? The rest rooms on #5 and #15 holes are now locked at all times and are only for the use of golfers. Golfers who own their own cart should contact the Pro Shop to learn about access.

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### **RECREATIONAL DIRECTOR – DENISE NEEDHAM (417.339.7869 EXT. 1754)**

The words “*How do I love thee? Let me count the ways*” are those of Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Her forty-third “*Sonnets from the Portuguese*,” tells the depth and evolution of her love for her husband, poet Robert Browning. I know we all cannot write like Elizabeth however, if you are uneasy about writing, I want to share something with you that was given to me; how to write a Valentine's Day Love Letter. If you follow these ten steps, you'll be on your way to composing the perfect love letter for your special person. I have referred back to these steps many times over the years. Please stop by my office and get your personal copy.

What better way to say happy Valentine's Day than with a love letter.

**“Romance & the High Seas” Friday, February 10th!** We are planning the most unique Valentine's Day Experience. The theme is “*Romance & the High Seas*.” You will experience the Titanic's first class dining and dancing at Nicol's Fine Dining. Bob will provide authentic cuisine from Titanic's first class menu. Wine will be served with each course in commemorative wine glasses for you to keep. A surprise guest from the Titanic will be appearing to provide trivia and details that are both informative and intriguing. You can dance to the classics performed by the 5 piece ensemble, “Reflections.” Plan to join us for a romantic and unique Valentine's Day! Please call Denise at 263-1741 for all the details.

**Valentine's Day Wednesday, February 14th:** Bob Nicol's Fine Dining will be open for dinner on Valentine's Day. Regular hours will apply from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Please call 334-1432 for reservations.

**SkipBo Invitation:** An invitation to all ladies of StoneBridge and local Villas members.

If you like to play cards, come join us for Skipbo. It's an easy game to learn and we play every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. We meet in the lounge upstairs at the StoneBridge Clubhouse. You don't need to let anyone know ahead of time, you just come when you can. We start at 10:00 a.m. and stop for lunch downstairs in the LedgeStone Grille around 12:30 and play as long as you want. Any question, please call Sandy Copperstone at 332-2688 or email [sgcopperstone@aol.com](mailto:sgcopperstone@aol.com).

**Mah Jongg:** During 2007, Mah Jongg is meeting the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month, at 10:00 a.m. Any questions please call JoAnn Mitchell at 337-8319.

**Fitness Orientation:** I'm still conducting a fitness orientation class every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse fitness room. I give lessons on how the various fitness machines and weights operate. No advance sign-up is needed.

**Voice Classes!** There has been some interest in voice lessons. Bill Nicols has over 30 years experience in piano, voice and choral instructions. Bill holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Education, and is presently adjunct professor of music at the College of the Ozarks.

Bill will offer five weekly voice lessons, one hour per week or every other week. The cost will be \$55.00 per person, which includes the five weekly lessons, syllabus of detailed notes on the sessions and a voice fitness CD (practice CD).

There will be an information meeting with Bill on Wednesday, February 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the Par Room if you are interested. Flyers will be posted in Clubhouse and Pro Shop. If you can not make the meeting and are interested or just have questions, please call and let me know.

**Handwork Group!** If you have a handwork project (knitting, crochet, sewing, quilting, whatever) stuffed away either because you ran into a snag, or perhaps lost interest, consider dragging it out and bringing it to the clubhouse. We're thinking of starting a Handwork Group on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the afternoon, 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. There will be nothing formal, simply a room provided. Come and meet new people, get back to that project, maybe get help and even learn something new. The first get-together will be Wednesday, February 14th. Please call Myra Sobral at 335-8978 or email [dmsobral@suddenlink.net](mailto:dmsobral@suddenlink.net) if you have any questions.

**Ladies Luncheon:** The next Ladies Luncheon will be Thursday, March 8, 2007. More information will be available in the March Newsletter.

### **Men...There's a New Game in Town!**

**What:** Men's Game Day

**Where:** Clubhouse

**When:** Fridays (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month)  
February, it will be the 9th & 23rd

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. until ?? 3:30 p.m. (you choose)

**Lunch:** Break for lunch in between

**Men's Game Day:** There may be some StoneBridge men who may or may not play golf, poker or have other hobbies and are looking for an activity. Just a casual, no-stress, no-decision making day to join other guys and play games like Mexican Dominos, Cards, etc. This is an

opportunity to get acquainted with your StoneBridge neighbors. No obligations! Play games and have lunch together.

If you have time on your hands, or would like to get better acquainted or just have fun, then join in! The first Game Day will be February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. (every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month). If you have any questions or comments, please call Denise Needham at 417-335-7869, ext 1754. See You There!

**Game Night:** Let's get together and play some night games! We want to establish a game night for anyone that would like to participate (men & women). Every Friday night we will play a fun game such as Dominoes, Pictionary, Balderdash, Scattergories, etc. Please call Sheryl Gassman at 336-4353 if you have any questions. Casual gathering, so let's socialize!

**Where:** Par Room in Clubhouse

**When:** Friday, February 9th, 16th & 23rd

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Food:** Simple snack (if you want)

**Drinks:** BYOB, soda, etc. (if you want)

**No Cost!**

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### ***GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT – JIM PYLE (417.339.2130)***

With the new season getting closer and closer, I feel a sense of urgency to complete the numerous projects that have been started to get all of this ready for you to play golf. While many projects just need a little detail to be finished, others are just starting. Well things could be worse, if this course had been located about 40 miles north and we would have had our whole world upside down with ice. God has blessed us this winter.

Soon we will be spraying our Zoysia fairways and Bermuda areas with Roundup and a broadleaf spray to rid them of foreign weeds and grasses. Those of you that do that at home with a pump sprayer, be careful not to hold the sprayer tip too close to the turf, as it can cause injury to your grass. It blows the chemical down too deep to the crown of the plant that is alive and growing. We need to get this done before we start having 60° days.

Hope to see you on the course soon.

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### ***GOLF PRO– BILL HASLER (417.335.8187)***

With January being devastatingly cold, I am sure everyone is anxious for the winter weather to lift so we can all resume golfing. In preparation of the 2007 season, the framework for our leagues and tournaments has already been laid out. A complete tournament schedule is available in the pro-shop. In review of the 2007 events, you may notice that we have kept some of our major events, such as, The Julian and The Red Cross Golf Tournament. We have also added a few events like the NFL Event and the First Shot Couples Event. Ask about them in the Pro Shop. Be sure to pay for annual golf by February 28<sup>th</sup> to get a \$100 discount.

The LLGA will begin league play on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. following the Midwest Masters. This is one of the only events I have scheduled on a Tuesday in 2007. The other event is on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June and has tentatively been named the LedgeStone Invitational. With the exception of that event, none of the events I have booked on Tuesday should interfere with our ladies play.

Men's League begins on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Play will be preceded by an opening breakfast beginning at 8:00 a.m. At the breakfast, we will run a raffle, introduce the staff, take a look at

2006, and talk a bit about the upcoming year. Couples league will begin the following Thursday at 4:00 o'clock.

The date for the “*Sticks & Stones Junior Golf Clinic*” has been set. The clinic is Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be structured the same as it was last year. I would like to thank The LedgeStone Ladies Golf Association for their generous donation of \$800.00 dollars to this program. Their 2006 donation fueled the program last year and was the main reason for the clinic’s success. Our major fundraiser, “The Lost & Found Dinner & Auction” will take place in April this year. Tickets for the auction are \$45.00 each or \$80.00 per couple. Each ticket holder will receive a sit down dinner at Nicol’s Fine Dining, entry into the Lost & Found Auction and a chance in the \$1,000.00 cash drawing. For more information, please call Bill Hasler at 417-335-8187.

I know it is cold, but don’t forget to gear up for the 2007 season. It will be here before you know it. We have grips, balls, bags, heaters, Sky Golf GPS and a large selection of long sleeve apparel. Thank you.

## Rules Quiz

### Hint: The Game

**On hole #15, Randy, believing his original ball may be lost, plays a provisional ball from the tee. He searches five minutes for the original ball and then plays the provisional ball, which lies on the fringe. With his putter, Randy holes his next shot without removing the pin. While retrieving his ball from the hole, Randy realizes that his original ball had also been holed. What score did Randy get on hole #15?**

- A) 1
- B) 4
- C) 6
- D) None, Randy is disqualified.

**Look for the answer in next month’s newsletter or ask in the Pro Shop.**

**Tips for Winter Practice:** This is the time of year that many northern golfers head to the range to beat balls for the winter months. The truth is, hitting a lot of balls over the winter can actually hurt your game on the course if you are practicing a wrong technique and don't have goals.

The goal of winter practice is to be able to hit the course in the spring and score well. Good practice on technique is helpful, but I suggest simulating games on the range.

To do this, you simply need a scorecard of a familiar course. After warming up, like you would before playing a round, play the course on your scorecard. For your tee shots, pick a target area that would be similar width to a fairway. Hit your tee shot and keep track of the distance so you know how many yards you have left. For your approach to the green, imagine the size of the green and be honest about whether you would have hit it or not. If you miss, practice your chip shots by choosing a target and trying to get your chip within five feet of the target. You can keep track of penalties, and how many balls you had to hit from the rough and judge your game accordingly. At the end, you can keep a score, or just keep track of fairways and greens hit.

This will not only help you concentrate better, but will help you focus on target and strategy. It also slows you down between shots, so you don't get into smacking one ball after the other. Get

a partner to do this with you and get some competitive pressure as well. Some of your friends will love this as an alternative to beating balls. When finished, you can then immediately work on shots you had trouble with during your simulated game.

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***LEDGESTONE GRILLE & NICOL'S FINE DINING- BOB NICOL (417.239.0445)***

Hello all! Well, we have made it through January. The weather has been pretty lousy, but we were fortunate we did not get the ice storm our friends just north of us did. We re-opened the Grille on the 15<sup>th</sup> and have enjoyed seeing those of you who have been in. We will continue our Monday – Friday (11 AM – 2 PM) schedule until mid February. When the weather cooperates, we will resume our regular schedule.

Nicol's Fine Dining will be open weekends after Valentines Day on the 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join us for Valentines Day, please make reservations as that is a very popular day for restaurants. We will offer a steak & lobster special that evening for \$39.95, or you can order from the menu.

We are looking for a very busy year in 2007. We already have several groups, golf tournaments, weddings etc. booked and get calls daily inquiring about the facility. This is very encouraging to us as a fairly new business. We are also looking forward to the Thursday couples golf resuming soon. I am itching to fire up the outdoor grill and have a party!

I guess it's recipe time. I really like this sauce with pork loin or ham.

**MUSTARD SAUCE**

2 Tbsp. Dry Mustard	½ Cup Vinegar
1 Tsp. Salt	2 Eggs
1 Tsp. Flour	1 Cup Light Cream
½ cup Sugar	1/3 Cup Water (optional)

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**The LedgeStone Ladies Golf Association** - Attention LADIES: The LedgeStone Ladies Golf Association would like to invite ALL ladies to join our organization. You can be a social member or a golfing member - or both! We have a league that plays 18 holes every week and one that plays 9. This is a fun way to meet new people, have some good fellowship, and play golf if you are so inclined.

Dues are \$30 per year. If you want your name in the 2007 roster, you should submit your \$30 by March 1, 2007. Make your check payable to LLGA and mail it to Patty Lund, 1309 StoneyCreek Lane, Branson West, MO 65737. Dues pay for favors at the first luncheon on April 3rd, a copy of the roster, favors, and your meal for the Awards luncheon in October.

We welcome anyone to join us for our luncheons even if you don't play golf and if you are not a paid member of the LLGA. Our organization is about meeting people and making new friends. Please feel free to come and see what we are about. If you have any questions contact, Kay Russell, President - 334-5461, Shirley Douglas, Vice President - 332-0018, Patty Lund, Secretary of the LLGA - 334-4383, or Joan Gullickson, Representative for the "9'ers" - 336-4186.

**From the Director of Finance  
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**StoneBridge Village**

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**February Meeting Schedule**

Advisory	February 28 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 a.m
Golf	February 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m
Public Work	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 a.m.
ACC	February 8 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 p.m.
Finance	February 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.
<b>POA Board Mtg.</b>	<b>February 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Par Room of the Clubhouse</b>		

**POA Committee Members:**

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