

STONEBRIDGE VILLAGE NEWS

MARCH 2007

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

Activities – Our activities in and around the Clubhouse are already increasing for the season as the weather improves from a “hard” winter (winter is always hard for me). Golf is in season at LedgeStone. As you play, you will notice several improvements made to the course this winter.

Whether you golf or not, if you would like to start a club or another activity you and others would enjoy let Denise know about it. She will be glad to help you organize an activity or club. We have several game days and nights and those all were started by residents who enjoy the fun and fellowship.

Gate Security Operation – The West Gate operation has changed to provide better access to drivers entering the property. Daily passes are in use for visitors to the restaurant, golf course, and residences guests when they enter via the West Gate/ Main Gate. Contractors and their employees working in the village are identified by a different color pass bearing the location of their project. Contractor vehicles should only be at the location of their project. Delivery vehicles that are clearly marked with the business name, such as concrete trucks, trash haulers etc. will not receive passes as their business in the village is obvious. The West Gate will be manned full time except for security tours of the village.

During times when the restaurant and golf operation is closed, the Gate may be closed and unattended for a time. Your guests will have access to the village by contacting you from the key pad located at both gates. In addition, the Security cell phone number will be posted in the window of the Gate House.

Road Courtesy – Please watch your speed in the village and obey warnings and stop signs. We have a lot of construction in the village and the workers from time to time get careless. We contact them whenever possible to request that they slow down, obey warning signs and do not use Jake brakes. Speeding or other careless driving should be reported to the Sheriff's office for action. Stop signs are a particular concern as the potential for an injury accident increases at intersections. We must have a no tolerance attitude in order to protect our guests and fellow residents. Please be sure you and your family drive defensively and drive with road courtesy.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR – DENISE NEEDHAM (417.335.7869 EXT. 1754)

The first day of spring is March 21st and is one of the four great seasonal changes every year. Day and night are equal, and the changing weather can lift the spirits of young and old alike, so get out of the winter blues and join us in some of the events listed below (GUARANTEED TO LIFT YOUR SPIRITS!).

Our larger social gatherings will begin in April, and I'm so ready to bring us all together again. There will be a POA events board located in the entrance of the clubhouse very soon. This events board will list current and future activities scheduled through the year. This will provide you early information, so you can plan to invite the family (children, grandchildren and great

grandchildren) to upcoming events like our Easter Egg Hunt... see below.

The business center located in the clubhouse is open and ready for your business. The computer is available to view or print the newsletter/calendar of events. There are complete instructions on how to use the computer and copier. I can show you step-by-step how to use any of these machines.

EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH

Ladies Luncheon: "It's a Mexican Fiesta!" Plan to join the party!

When: Thursday, March 8th

Time: 12:00 Noon

Where: Cantina Laredo at the Landing in Branson. Eat from the lunch menu.

Activity: After lunch, we can stroll the landing walkway and shop-till-we drop.

RSVP: by March 6th to Mary Ann Wilson

phone: 334-3795 (leave message)

email: MaryAnnWilson07@aol.com

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. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Copperstone at 332-2688 or emailsgcopperstone@aol.com.

Mah Jongg: Meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. There will be new classes beginning in April. If you have any questions, please call JoAnn Mitchell at 337-8319.

Fitness Orientation: 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.

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 in the afternoon, 1:00 p.m.—4:00p.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 next meeting will be March 14th. Please call Myra Sobral at 335-8978 or email dmsobral@suddenlink.net if you have any questions.

Men's Day Out: Get together with your fellow StoneBridge neighbors every 1st and 3rd Friday at the Clubhouse. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the lounge upstairs, no RSVP necessary... Spur of the moment... Just show up. Stay as long as you want, maybe have lunch, and leave at your convenience. If you have any questions, please call Denise at 335-7869, ext 1754. See You There!

Game Night: *Game night will be Friday, March 9th for this month only.*

If you haven't attended game night, you are missing out on some socializing Fun.

Game night will be Friday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse par room. Game night is for anyone that would like to participate (men & women). Different fun games will be played; such as Dominoes, Pictionary,

Balderdash, Scattergories, etc. Remember to bring what you want to drink (BYOB) and a simple snack (if you want). No Cost. Please call Sheryl Gassman at 336-4353 for the next game night after March 9th.

Craft Workshop: Let's start a craft workshop and learn to make a new craft each month. The crafts should be easy and not real time consuming. Easter is April 8th, and I will teach you how to Decorate Easter baskets. The wicker baskets are decorated with colorful paper napkins/bows and are perfect for the Easter bunny or a decoration for your home. Once you learn the technique, you can decorate a basket for any occasion. For example, a birthday basket for that someone special or a colorful sunflower basket that will brighten any patio. The possibilities are endless. If I supply all the materials, your cost will be \$12.00 per basket; however, if you bring your own supplies, there will be no cost. You can transform those old or damaged wicker baskets you have packed away into something beautiful and useful. Please bring some of your craft ideas to the workshop, so we can plan April's Workshop.

When: Wednesday, March 28th

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: Par room in clubhouse

Sign up by: Monday, March 26th by calling Denise at 335-7869, ext. 1754.

Supply List: Located in the POA office

Easter Egg Hunt...Plan Early: If your blessed to have your family here at Easter and have children, grandchildren or great grandchildren, please plan to attend the Easter Egg Hunt at Forest Lake playground on Saturday, April 7th. Times will be announced in April's newsletter or on the event board in the Clubhouse entry. Please call Denise with reservations and ages of children by Friday, March 29th at 335-7869, ext. 1754.

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT – JIM PYLE (417.339.2130)

We are getting a break in the weather, which will hopefully allow us to finish our winter projects before golf season starts.

Cedar Ridge - As the season begins, we are going to make a few changes for those of you that live on Cedar Ridge. Yard work will begin in March with mowing beginning as needed. If you have problems or have questions, please call 417-339-2130.

We will continue to work on some of the road edges throughout the Village, but we are not working on ditches that are a part of someone's yard, only the ones with green belt areas behind them.

GOLF PRO– BILL HASLER (417.335.8187)

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.

The LLGA will begin league play on April 3rd 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 June 12th and has tentatively been named the LedgeStone Invitational. With the exception of those events, none of the events I have booked on Tuesday should interfere with our ladies play.

Men's League begins on April 4th 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 9th through Thursday, July 13th. It will be structured the same as it was last year. I would like to thank the 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.

Ladies Beginner Clinic – Sign up now for the 2007 ladies refresher clinic being held at LedgeStone C.C. The cost is \$30 per person. The clinic will run from 9:00 to 12:00 on Thursday, March the 22nd. The clinic will cover full swing, short game, rules and fitness. The clinic is limited to the first thirty entries. To sign-up please call 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.

Rules Quiz

Hint: Trick Question

Is a snake an outside agency or a loose impediment?

Last Months Answer: The player’s score for the hole is 1.

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 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.

To finish, give yourself a two putt unless you know you have hit it within three feet. 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.

A.C.C. (ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE) – LARRY MOFFITT (417.334.0636)

The spring construction activity will begin soon. We anticipate the same level or slightly higher activity than 2007. The work activity for contractors in StoneBridge Village is from sun up to sundown. Contractor work is prohibited on Sundays and national holidays. If you hear noisy work on a construction site between sundown and sun up or on Sundays and national Holidays, please contact StoneBridge security. Contractors are required to keep their construction site clean and street free of debris. We plan to monitor this closer this year and will recover costs as necessary.

The spring-cleaning for homeowners will probably start soon as well. Remember, there is no burning in StoneBridge Village within 600' of any residence. This includes tree limbs, debris, leaves and grass cuttings.

Also, any external remodeling, landscaping or excavation of any type needs approval of the Architectural Control Committee. Residents may call the POA office or contact any ACC member. The process is very simple and easy. The planting of flowers and shrubbery does not require the ACC approval.

This is another reminder that all trash type containers must be stored in your garage or an ACC approved storage area.

Propane tanks must be acceptably concealed from street, golf course and neighbors view. The ACC will be happy to advise residence what is required.

There have been several for sale signs removed from lots recently as they did not meet Stonebridge Village requirements. The sign cannot be larger than 144 square inches. The signs should be only on the front of the property and limited to one sign. The sign shall be properly displayed on a post and not posted on trees. Signs not meeting requirements will be removed and stored at the maintenance building. The owner of the sign will be notified.

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

Greetings from the restaurants! It was sure nice to see so many of you in Nicol's Fine Dining on Valentines Day. That was a fun way to reopen after a few weeks off. Nicol's will be open on Fridays & Saturdays through March, with the exception of the 17th, when we will be closed for Renee's and my wedding! The Grille will be open every day from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. beginning in March. We will extend our hours as the golf course gets busier.

Our newest addition is live entertainment in Nicol's. Michael Kern will enhance your dining experience with his beautiful guitar and vocal arrangements at "conversation friendly" volume levels. Michael, most recently from Oklahoma, has entertained in many areas of the country and abroad for several years. He plays and sings many of your old favorites, as well as, some newer material and several originals. Please come by and enjoy Michael's unique style of music, you won't be disappointed!

The following recipe for RIB ROAST works best with at least a "3 rib" roast. Pre-heat your oven to 500 degrees. Put the roast in and cook for 5 minutes per pound. Turn off the oven and leave for 2 hours without opening the door. Your roast will be juicy and pink!

GARDEN CLUB – BARBARA ORLE (417.339.4920)

The Garden Club is sponsoring a day in April to plant flowers at Heritage Garden. Coffee and tea will be at the pergola – just bring flowers that will give the most on-going color. More information will follow in the April Newsletter.

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, and have some good fellowship and play golf if you are so inclined. Dues are \$30 per year. If you want to be listed in the 2007 roster, please submit your \$30 by March 9, 2007. Make your check payable to LLGA and mail it to Patty Lund, 1309 StoneyCreek Lane, Branson West, MO 65737. Dues pay for a copy of the roster to be distributed at the April 3rd kickoff luncheon, favors, and your meal at 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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March Meeting Schedule

Advisory	March 28 th	3:00 p.m.
Golf	March 8 th	8:00 a.m.
Public Work	March 1 st	9:00 a.m.
ACC	March 8 th & 22 nd	1:30 p.m.
Finance	March 19 th	3:00 p.m.
POA Board Mtg.	March 15th	11:00 a.m.

Par Room of the Clubhouse

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