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General Manager's Report

Darrell Ransdell (417.335.7869 Ext. 1756)

Merry Christmas Several years ago I drove the Raggedy Ann and Andy float during the Christmas parades at Silver Dollar City. The parades are at night among the lights of the city and from inside the float I could see the excited faces of children lining the parade route. There is no better reflection of the spirit of Christmas than in the happy faces of children.

What an exciting and fun time of year. Our area of the Ozark Mountains is ablaze with Christmas lights and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ. We join in by decorating the Clubhouse and lighting our buildings to spread the joy of the season. Please accept the Best Wishes of the employees of StoneBridge POA for your celebration and also for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2008.

Membership – At this writing in mid-November, the StoneBridge Village POA has so far increased our membership by 117 during 2007. For the year 2006, we increased by 116. The numbers are significant in light of the slowdown in the real estate market for most of the country. The Branson area historically has outperformed many areas of the country during these slow periods due to our attraction for retired people and also the increasing job market in the area. That trend continues and we believe will strengthen as more baby boomers find out how attractive it is to live among the Ozark Mountains and particularly Branson. StoneBridge Village owners will continue to benefit from the marketing efforts of our Developer, Missouri Partners, Inc. and other developers in the area who are pushing communities with amenities that are under construction or promised for some future time. Many people who have reached or are reaching retirement age are not interested in a promise of things to come. We are here and it's great.

Activities Director's Report

Denise Needham (417.335.7869 Ext. 1754)

StoneBridge Hayride and Bonfire Cookout held on October 19th was another successful event...Thanks to all that participated!

The cowboys and cowgirls loaded up in the hay wagons, driven by Tom Tunseth and Matt Endicott, and the journey to the campsite began. Along the way, they passed the OK Corral,

Roark Train Depot, LedgeStone Hotel, Fort StoneBridge and more. The trail was scattered with “Most Wanted – Dead or Alive” posters, just in case riders were looking for any missing kin folk. When the gang arrived at the camp, they chowed-down on the fine grub from Nicol’s. Under starlit skies, the cowpokes roasted marshmallows over the campfires and sang along with Tom Ruopp and his guitar. After such a relaxing supper, it was time for a little daring and excitement and Bill Hasler provided just that with a challenging game of night golf. The night was perfect... the weather, food, bonfire, entertainment and of course the people! Thanks to all the maintenance crew for preparing the woods for our arrival and everyone else that worked so hard to make it a perfect night.

The holiday season is filled with opportunities to gather with family, friends and associates. I hope all of you take this opportunity to attend the Christmas Gala and New Year’s Eve Dinner. The clubhouse has been decorated beautifully for this festive time and I want to thank everyone who was involved.

Special Thanks to:

Tom Tungseth, Matt Endicott, Randa Soles, Kathy Osenga, Joey Benward, Sandy Mincks, Christy Sherer, Adam Trainor, Jean Petterson and Diana Sellers

Thank you for working so hard to make StoneBridge Clubhouse exquisite for everyone to enjoy this holiday season.

December Events

Christmas Gala

Plan to attend StoneBridge Exquisite Christmas Gala on Friday, December 7th. Join friends and neighbors for this fun and festive holiday celebration. Make reservations early because Nicol’s Fine Dining capacity is 130 people and confirmed seating will be on a first come first serve paid reservation basis.

- **When:** Friday, December 7th
- **Social Hour:** 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Buffet Dinner:** 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with music by *Darice Augustson*, harpist
- **Gala:** 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. *Dancing* with music by *Reflections* five piece band
- **Where:** Nicol's Fine Dining
- **Dinner:** Turkey Breast, Roast Beef, Oven Broiled Tilapia, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Dressing, Salad Bar, Rolls & Dessert
- **Cost:** \$30.00 per person (includes tax, gratuity and party) and must be paid in advance to the POA office by Monday, December 3rd
- **Dress:** Country Club casual to Semi Formal
- **Sign up & payment due by:** Monday, December 3rd by contacting Denise 263-1741 or the POA office at 335-7869; Minimum of 30 people

New Year's Eve Dinner with Cash Bar

On December 31st, there will be a New Year's Eve Dinner Celebration. This event is for owners to celebrate a great meal and toast together for 2007; so out with the old and in with the new. Please join your neighbors in celebration the coming New Year.

- **When:** Monday, December 31st
- **Where:** LedgeStone Grille
- **Drinks:** 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- **Buffet Dinner:** 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **Social:** 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
- **Dinner:** Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala, Vegetable Medley, Broccoli & Cheese Sauce, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Wild Rice, Salad Bar, Rolls & Dessert
- **Drinks:** Tea, Coffee & Water
- **No Hired Entertainment or Champagne toast. Party favors will be available**
- **Cost:** \$25.00 per person inclusive (includes tax and gratuity)
- **Dress:** Country Club casual to Semi Formal
- **Sign up by:** Friday, December 21st by calling Denise 263-1741; Minimum of 30 people

Craft Workshop/Handwork Group

Ladies have the option of bringing their own handwork (knitting, crochet, sewing quilting, etc.) or creating the monthly craft project. Either way it will be a great opportunity to enjoy great company and make new friends.

This month you can learn how to make those big beautiful Christmas bows to decorate trees, wreaths or even packages.

- **When:** Wednesday, December 12th
- **Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Clubhouse Par Room
- **Bring:** roll of wired-edged Christmas ribbon, at least 4 yards
- **Cost:** No cost

If you have a favorite craft and want to teach us, please let me know.

Fitness Orientation

Every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (except Nov 6th, 15th and 22nd) in the Clubhouse fitness room. Learn how the various fitness machines and weights operate. No advance sign-up is needed.

SkipBo Invitation

If you like to play cards, come join us for SkipBo. It's an easy game to learn and we will play at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 10th in the Clubhouse. That day we'll also enjoy a potluck lunch. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Copperstone at 332-2688 or email sgcopperstone@aol.com. Everyone is invited!

Mah Jongg

Meets the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse. The month of December new starters are welcome. There will be training and review training only during this month. If you have any questions, please call JoAnn Mitchell at 337-8319.

Remember, please sign up for all events that have a sign up deadline by calling Denise in the POA office at 335-7869, ext. 1754 or 263-1741. If you have any questions about an activity or want to discuss some new events, email me at denise@sbvpoa.org.

Golf Course Superintendent's Report

Jim Pyle (417.339.2130)

We've been very lucky with our fall weather and we have several smaller projects scheduled for this winter. The golf course is still playable and greens are great. Enjoy your winter golf. Even with the frost delays we experience there will be many days throughout the winter to enjoy your course.

This is a great time to plant trees and fertilize your fescue yards. If you have zoysia or Bermuda grass, I would wait until late spring of next year to fertilize.

Merry Christmas!

Golf Pro's Report

Rules Quiz

Martha hits her ball from the tee box on number nine into the lateral water hazard on the right side of the fairway.

How many different options does she have in order to proceed by the rules of golf?

Last month's answer is: George is penalized two strokes for raking his footprints prior to making his stroke under rule 13-2 improving his line of play. George is also penalized for stepping on his golf ball one stroke, and the ball must be replaced.

December brings us an end to a very good year at LedgeStone Country Club. As many of you already know my wife Jane and I are expecting our first baby at the end of this month. We are excited about our future here and are looking forward to raising our child here in the Ozarks. I can not thank you all enough for your continuous support and the kind treatment I have received since my arrival.

Remember you must use your credits by the end of the year. We have a lot of winter items stocked in the pro shop for the Christmas season. We are currently working on the 2008 tournament schedule and will have a complete schedule listed in the January newsletter.

Notes From Your Finance Committee

Roger Radebaugh (417.334.0454)

Through October year-to-date, revenue continued to be less than expected due to lower golf revenue and the slow real estate market. Expenses are tracking slightly ahead of the budgeted amount with lower pro shop expenses helping to offset higher than expected golf course maintenance. The results for the first ten months of the year show an operating gain of \$549,000. After interest expense and some unanticipated depreciation costs, net income for the ten month period shows a loss of \$75,000.

Please contact any member of the Finance Committee if you have specific questions.

Architectural Control Committee Report

Larry Moffitt (417.334.0636)

The committee has received several requests for remodeling decks, changing external appearance of their home, landscaping changes, etc. We would like to thank all those residents for submitting their plans and working with the committee. This makes all our jobs and record keeping easier. We try to expedite all resident requests. Thank you for your cooperation.

The committee is meeting once a month through March of 2008. Any resident wishing to make external changes to their home may bring those changes to the P.O.A. office for review. The committee will review the changes and will take action on them prior to our monthly meeting. The committee does not need to approve any work done inside your home. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the A.C.C. or the P.O.A. office.

The falling leaves remind us that fall is here. Remember that there is no burning in StoneBridge Village within 600 feet of any residence. There is no dumping of leaves or other yard debris on vacant lots or StoneBridge Village common property. Thank you for your cooperation.

Golf Committee's Report

Larry Ewing (417.338.8694)

It has been suggested that the wooden logs we use for tee markers are not in keeping with the quality of our golf course. A committee has been formed to investigate what we might use instead of the logs. A recommendation will be forthcoming.

Jim Pyle and his crew will be busy this winter working on the approved golf course improvement projects. These projects will be done in a manner to minimize the impact on winter play.

This is the time of the year when starting times can be delayed because of frost. These delays are necessary to prevent damage to our greens.

During 08, a better effort will be made to keep the members notified of scheduled events that may effect there ability to get on the golf course.

LedgeStone Grille & Nicol's Fine Dining's Report

I hope this holiday season finds everyone healthy and happy. All is well from the restaurants. December looks very busy with Christmas parties. We are looking forward to the P.O.A. event on the 7th.

In December, Nicol's will remain open Tuesday through Saturday, 5 – 9 P.M. and the Grille will be open daily from 11 A.M. – 4 P.M. Both restaurants will be closed on Christmas day and the day after. I feel all of the restaurant staff deserves some family time. We will close completely for a while in January. I will post that schedule in the next newsletter.

Even though it is seventy degrees outside as I am writing this article, we have to realize that winter is upon us. During a snow or ice storm, our policy is to close the restaurants if the schools are closed. Even if StoneBridge is clear most of us travel several miles to get here over potentially hazardous roads.

f you wish to dine in Nicol's on New Years Eve, please call soon for reservations. We will serve from 5 – 10 P.M. and are sure to be booked. Michael Kern will be performing that evening and we will offer some diner specials.

I have always enjoyed the following recipe for roasted vegetables. It lends itself well to any holiday menu.

Roasted Vegetables

- 1 small butternut squash, cubed
- 2 red bell peppers, seeded and diced
- 1 sweet potato, peeled and cubed
- 3 Yukon Gold potatoes, cubed
- 1 red onion, quartered
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
- 2 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- salt & freshly ground black pepper

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 475 degrees F (245 degrees C).
2. In a large bowl, combine the squash, red bell peppers, sweet potato, and Yukon Gold potatoes. Separate the red onion quarters into pieces, and add them to the mixture.
3. In a small bowl, stir together thyme, rosemary, olive oil, vinegar, salt, and pepper. Toss with vegetables until they are coated. Spread evenly on a large roasting pan.
4. Roast for 35 to 40 minutes in the preheated oven, stirring every 10 minutes, or until vegetables are cooked through and browned.

LLGA's (LedgeStone Ladies Golf Association) Report

October 9 - Six ladies played the game "Pitch the Worst." Kay Russell won 1st place with an 85, Shirley Douglas 2nd with a 90, and Jane Lowell 3rd with a 91.

October 16 - Eight ladies played "Think Even - Net." Only even holes counted, and the winners were:

1st: Patty Lund 31.5
2nd: Kay Russell 32.5
3rd: Gae Redford 36.5
4th (tie): Shirley Douglas and Jacque Walton 39

October 23 - It is a cold and ugly day, and only three brave souls played: Gae Redford, Shirley Douglas and Patty Lund. The back nine was closed due to aeration, so they played nine and then had breakfast.

October 30 - The final Luncheon/Meeting was held in Nicol's Fine Dining Room with 28 ladies attending. The business meeting was called to order at 11:30 by Kay Russell. New officers for 2008 were announced and elected: Shirley Douglas, President, Annavee Duncan, Vice President, and Patty Lund will again be Secretary-Treasurer. There were many awards given to accomplished golfers:

Best Ringer Score: (Most improved score over the first day):

"A" Flight - Barb Thompson 25 strokes
"B" Flight - Glenda McLaughlin 37 strokes
"C" Flight - Jacque Walton 38 strokes

Most birdies: 16 ladies had at least one birdie on Ladies Day, and the winners were:

"A" Flight - Mary Gillespie with 14! "B" Flight - Kay Russell with 6 "C" Flight - Annavee Duncan with 3

Jeri Smith won "Most Improved Golfer," as her handicapped dropped the most. Shannon Hunt was 2nd and Kay Russell was 3rd in this category.

Every year a "Sybil" award is given to someone who has had a tough time of it during the year. Last year's winner, Jane Julian, proudly awarded "Sybil," to Kathy Powelson. This is actually Kathy's second time to receive the dubious award!

Winners of the LLGA Championship, held August 27 and 28 were given prizes:
Gae Redford, Champion - (Low Gross of field)
Mary Gillespie was Low Net in the Championship Flight.
Jane Julian was Low Gross winner, and Marilyn Sassman, Low Net in the "B" Flight
Shirley Douglas was Low Gross winner, and Margaret Walsh, Low Net in the "C" Flight

Match Play winners are Mary Gillespie in the Championship flight, and Vicki Wratten in the Players flight.

Delinquent Assessments:

Claudell Ervin	Thomas Carbajo	Guillermina Mahlow	Lee Mason
Michael Tidball	John Telford	Margaret Lovejoy	Jeffery Williams
Jon Tennison	Cesar Espinal	Betty Jesse	Fredrick Shafer
Victoria Chavez	Jeffery Ferdon	Marco Luis	Shonelle Blake
Carol Siino	Meding Cheatle	Johhny Ray Whitfield	Lynda Molaison
Alejandro Hernandez	Michael Sanford	Brent Dobson	Guiscardus, LLC
James Horn	William Kirkland	Robbin Petreeko	Kenneth Schultz
Jeremy Wittles	Raymond Disalvo	Luis Lopez	Donna Englis
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