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Memorial Day

- May 26 - IS COMING!!!

We need volunteers to sign up on the bulletin board, and to come and help make it the fabulous fun event in our very best New Horizons tradition.

Picnic & Boat Room set-up (1 pm the day before)

Ice chests set up (Ice and beverages)

Picnic set-up (8 am on Memorial Day)

Futura Ticket sales (10 am to noon)

Futura payoff window

Boat Race starter

Boat Race finish line

Boat Race ticket sales - West window (noon)

Boat Race payoff window (12.30 pm)

Boat Race odds calculator/handicapper

Money manager and helper

"EMCEE" Microphone

Senior Wiener prep/runner

Senior Wiener grillers (10:15 am)

Coffee table - Golf Room

Post picnic cleanup ! !

Community Bulletin

Civic Affairs Committee

City Election Candidate' Forum: Missed the NH candidates' forum? You can watch the video-taped broadcast of the League of Women Voters Candidates' Forum on Time Warner Cable TV. It is aired twice daily on Channel 28. The City Clerk & Mayoral candidates' forum is at 1:00 pm & 7:30 pm. The City Council candidates' forum airs at 3:00 pm & 10:00 pm.

Keep-Safe Coalition Seminar: Seniors are too often easy targets of financial fraud, scams, and abuse. A team of social service and law enforcement representatives will present ways to protect you from becoming a victim. This free event is sponsored by Civic Affairs Committee.

Join us on Thursday, May 29th 1:00 – 2:00pm Town Hall.

Free Computer Assistance for Adults: Would you like an hour of one-on-one help in learning your e-reader, tablet or computer? The Torrance Public Library is offering free computer assistance to adults of all ages every Saturday 10:30am – 5:30pm. This hands-on assistance is provided by a knowledgeable Teen Tech-Xpert. Please call 310-618-5945 for more information or to make a reservation.

Julie Dojiri, Committee Chairperson

Correction An error crept into the **Garage Fire** article in the May 9th issue. The correct date of the fire is April 23d.

We have just returned from a most successful Laughlin trip – at least monetarily successful for a number of our members who each won several hundred dollars. The weather was pleasant, the crowds were moderate and the slots were reasonably hot. I want to thank Judy Wyka for stepping in at the last minute and taking Sharon’s job of assisting me. She did a wonderful job. When not gambling, a number of folks hit the Outlet Center and did a bit of shopping or went to the movies or strolled along the river walk. There really was not a dull moment. Now we can start making plans for upcoming trips. The signup sheet for a truly interesting trip in June is on the board in the Clubhouse.

Since so many of us have eye trouble as we age, I thought it might be interesting to “Meet the Miracle Workers” on June 10th. According to research, every 11 minutes a person in the United States loses their sight. As I said, diminished eyesight is part of the aging process. But, thanks to modern technology, living is becoming easier for the visually impaired. We begin our day at the Braille Institute, a service organization for blind and visually impaired adults. We’ll see students attending classes and learning to live with their impairment. We’ll learn the basics of Braille and see how brailleing is actually done.

We will then head over to Universal Citywalk’s Saddle Ranch Chop House for a buffet lunch. The remainder of the afternoon is spent visiting Guide Dogs of America. For more than 50 years, Guide Dogs of America has bred, raised and trained some of the world’s most dedicated dogs and matched them with blind people of all ages. On this tour that we have scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, we learn how the loving, working partnership of dog and human develops and is carried out. I would really like to have this trip go, but we need your help. We are way short of signups. If we don’t get at least 29 in the next two weeks, I think you know what will happen. The cost of this trip is \$82.00

On July 12, I thought we would take in a fascinating exhibit entitled “Pompeii, The Exhibition” at the California Science Center. In the year 79 AD., Pompeii vanished beneath thick layers of volcanic ash left by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. But what nature destroyed, it also preserved. Pompeii: The Exhibition features over 150 precious artifacts on loan from the Naples National Archaeological Museum in Italy which offers a glimpse into the opulent lifestyle and tragic end of this ancient Roman society forgotten for centuries until its rediscovery over 250 years ago. Through excavated artifacts, multimedia experiences, and hands-on science exhibits, we will learn the science of archaeology, volcanology, and Roman engineering while exploring the ancient civilization of Pompeii. The cost of this fascinating tour including round trip motor coach transportation, lunch at Philippe’s the Original, and Driver gratuity is \$90.00.

On Sunday, August 24, we will be attending a wonderful California Philharmonic concert entitled “Broadway and Bolero” at the Walt Disney Music Center. Music selections offered will be from “Chicago”, “Evita”, “Cats”, “Bolero” and “España.” This trip will also be discussed at our June 5 meeting. **Stay tuned for upcoming trips in September and October.**

The pancake breakfast (on May 3d.) was a huge success with over 175 tickets sold. The event was more than just a breakfast, it was a social happening. Thanks go out to all the volunteers who continuously step up to the plate and make all CIC events memorable.



Here are some pictures of the event.



5/4/2014 CUATRO de MAYO TOURNAMENT

¡¡Ay Caramba!! – What a great day we had for the annual Cinco de Mayo tournament! This year it was held on the Cuatro de Mayo. We had a good turn-out, with enough players to fill up almost all the holes for the shotgun start. The weather was very nice – not too warm, and a good time was had by all: cerveza y tacos for lunch, a healthy 50/50 raffle and, of course, great companionship and conversation.

Thanks to everyone for coming out to play, and congratulations to the winners. And, as for the rest of us, better luck next time, which if memory serves me well, should be the Memorial Day shebang, replete with senior wieners, high stakes boat races and naturally, great golf and community.

Adios amigos y hasta la vista.

Steve Spolidoro

RESULTS, Women

| A Flight | Low Gross | Low Net |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Kay Mori | 56 | |
| Renee Chang | | 56/49 |
| B Flight | Low Gross | Low Net |
| Phyllis Mathis | 62 | |
| Joan Johnson | | 63/48 |
| C Flight | Low Gross | Low Net |
| Norma Maurer | 65 | |
| Elisabeth McCue | 65 | |
| Margaret Rodman | | 65/49 |

RESULTS, Men

| A Flight | Low Gross | Low Net |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Ray Tominaga | 49 | |
| John Thomson | | 52/47 |
| B Flight | Low Gross | Low Net |
| Carl Aleccia | 55 | |
| John Calhoun | | 56/48 |
| C Flight | Low Gross | Low Net |
| Bruce Kenney | 59 | |
| Bob Branning | | 62/41 |



Wednesday Men's Golf Tournament-5/7

Winners

Comments: Nice day for a golf tournament and a pretty good turn-out for our Wednesday men's tournament. However, we could really use some more players for the B-flight, or even expanding to add a C-flight. So, here's hoping some of our old friends who haven't been playing lately will rejoin our group: it get's light early, the weather is great and so is the companionship. Come on out. See you all next week.

| A Flight | Low Gross | Low Net |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <u>Ray Tominaga</u> | <u>49</u> | <u>46</u> |
| <u>Craig Conant</u> | <u>49</u> | <u>46</u> |

| B Flight | Low Gross | Low Net |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <u>Ralph Dilibero</u> | <u>60</u> | |
| <u>Paul Cohen</u> | | <u>49</u> |
| Hole in One: | <u>None</u> | |

By: John and Steve

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LADIES' GOLF RESULTS Thu May 8, 2014

B. Bowman, J. Johnson.

To all Lady Golfers Past and Present
We are hosting Seaire ladies on Thursday, June 5th. Even if you are not playing currently, we'd love to have you join us for lunch that day. All of you please come to a planning meeting after golf. 10:30 on Thursday May 22nd.

Questions? Call B. Bowman 310-325-6292 or Ricki Decker 310-415-9744

WINNERS

| A Flight | Low Gross | Low Net |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Renee Chang | 54 | |
| Kay Mori | | 48 |
| B Flight | Low Gross | Low Net |
| JoAnn Megill | 65 | |
| Joanie Johnson | | 57 |
| C Flight | Low Gross | Low Net |
| Barbara Bowman | 66 | |
| Kathy Lindbergh | | 50 |
| Hole in one: | none. | |

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However when they are doing favors for some of you the other residents are not getting such things done such as mowing grass, weeding etc. The gardeners have a schedule they follow and it is posted on the bulletin board every month. They try to follow this schedule as closely as they can but when residents pull them aside and ask them to do favors, poof! Off goes the schedule.

I have to ask you not to ask them for favors during work hours. They are a good bunch of guys and work hard and are friendly and greet you daily. In fact, if you would like to hire them after 3:30 pm, they are available and on their own time.

So, please do not bother them, so they can get on with their work. Once again, there are seven gardeners total; we assign one gardener to the golf course, leaving six gardeners to take care of 55 acres. It is a lot, trust me. I had no idea of the total work load until I became Grounds Maintenance Chairman. Now I have a new appreciation of our workers and all that they do for us. I hope you can all help me in this request.

Thank you so much.

Linda Crickmore, Chairman Grounds Maintenance.

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AREA MONITORS' CORNER

By Pauline Raith (310-534-1065)

As newly appointed Area 6 Monitor, I would like to thank Tony and Sam and their crew for the work requests they have honored in a very short period of time.

There so many spots in this area that need help. My intention is not to over burden the crew so will try improvements in one small area at a time. We have started at the south end of Bldg. 615. It has been greatly improved but is not finished. I am a "hands on and detail gardener" and hope this does not drive the crew crazy.

Many of the plants are so old and have been trimmed and trimmed until they have no character of their own left. These probably should be taken out - roots and all - and the ground covered with mulch and left bare until we recover from this draught.

I would like to hear - both pro and con - from other Area Monitors and from residents about what has worked for them - especially Area 6- regarding improvements needed around their buildings. Current monitors are Bill Collins (Area 1), and Harriet Apsel (Area 2).

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