

HIGHLAND HERALD

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BUILDING OUR GOLF COURSE

Things were different here in the early 80's. Volunteers did a lot of things that management does now. Insurance issues, they say now. Then, it was "If you want it, you make it happen." Fred Geisen wanted a golf course he was a hard man to say "no" to. So when he asked the men in the park (it WAS called a park then) to help him make his dream come true, they pitched in.

Fred got his friend, Dick Turner, a pro golfer who now lives in Texas, to design the course. On what's been called a "small handkerchief of land" Dick designed a par three course that while the shots are short, is still demanding. As a bonus, he designed the course so it could be played as a long hole course, with the longest shot being from hole five to hole one. Mickey Wilson is one of the few still living here who has played that course.

Sue Rhode's brother-in-law, Bill Cribbs,

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NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

- 3,5 & 7th Homecoming golf scramble
- 8th Homecoming dinner and awards with April Walker after dinner
- 11th Managers Meeting in AM, HCC Board in PM. Veteran's Day
- 13th Memorial service for Lou Prefontaine
- 15th Continental Breakfast, HCC and Golf dues and elections
- 16th Ice cream Social and Gospel Songs by the Highlands Chorus
- 20th Casino trip to Globe
- 22nd Patio, bake and craft sale
- 23rd Monthly Birthday Party
- 24th Ladies Luncheon
- 27th Thanksgiving Day and Dinner



Mon. - Fri. 9 AM to 5 PM
Weekends: Closed

THE PREZ SEZ:

Well it's that time again. The Homecoming Dinner and Awards is coming up Nov.8 and it will be fun to see everybody back. Because ELS has decreased what they give us for activities we will be charging more to make ends meet. For example, this year's Homecoming Dinner will be \$4.00 for members and \$5.00 for non members and guests.

The HCC General Election on Nov.15 includes a free continental breakfast. Your Area Representatives will be asking around to see if you would be interested in being on the board. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, let your Area Rep know. We also need candidates for President, Secretary, and Activities Director.

Our annual HCC Patio Sale is Nov.22, beside the shuffle board court. What we sell goes to support Community Assistance Program, which helps those in our community who get caught short from time to time. If you have any good stuff to donate, bring it down. Due to lack of storage, I do need you to hold on to your items until the sale. Anything left after the sale goes to Goodwill.

Thank You. Chuck Heit , HCC President



MEMORIAL FOR LOU PREFONTAINE

Lou passed away in August after a long fight with kidney damage, but his friend Janice Bruner waited until his friends returned so we could all attend his memorial. It will be on Thursday, November 13th at 1PM at the clubhouse. Everyone is invited.

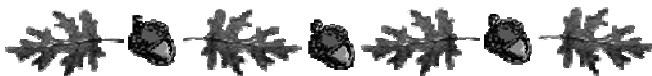
(Golf Course. Continued from page 1) lived here then. He was paid to manage the maintenance of the golf course, but volunteers did much of the work. This included the yearly over-seeding. All the guys helped and it took only two days to do the whole job.

One year, Fred was so eager to get back to golfing that he started watering too early and washed out all the seeds. Bill was fit to be tied. He told Fred he was going to lock him in his house and not let him out until the course was ready to play.

Each year before the golf season started, Bill let the pond get low. The men suited up in waist waders and old tennies and waded out into knee deep gunk with pitch forks to collect buckets and buckets golf balls. At the start of the season, every golfer got a bag of balls.

So when you play on our golf course, or just drive past it and enjoy its beauty, think of Fred and Bill and all the guys who pitched in to make it happen.

(Next month: More about Fred Geisen.)



Some timely quotes about politics:

Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the National Debt. - Herbert Hoover

Ninety percent of the politicians give the other ten percent a bad name. - Henry Kissinger

Political language is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind. - George Orwell

Democracy is being allowed to vote for the candidate you dislike least. - Robert Byrne

MANAGER'S MINUTE

Please drive Slower! We are seeing an increasing number of residents driving well over 15 MPH. THIS IS DANGEROUS for all of us. Many residents walk to and from their homes and golf cart use is common. We all need to drive the posted speed limit. SLOW DOWN!

Never enter through the Exit gate. We are also seeing many resident and non-resident cars coming in our Exit Gate. This can cause a head-on accident and must stop. We will be reviewing our gate cameras for license numbers and issuing warnings. We will not hesitate to take further actions against repeat offenders.

Residents who have problems opening the Enter Gate can dial "000" (Office) to be let in. Then please come into the office so to have your code corrected and learn how to use the access box.

When anyone leaves the property, be alert for cars entering the Exit gate. Taking this extra step could stop you from a potential accident!

A form to save you money. Anyone planning to be gone more than a month can have their trash pickup stopped by coming to the office and filling out a form **30 days prior to leaving.** You are required to provide a leave date and a billing address and authorize someone to be caretaker. You will have to continue to pay for water and sewer.

FROM ELIZABETH:

We now have a "lost and found" basket in the office. Thanks to those of you who found items throughout the community and brought them to the office. If you have lost something, please stop by the office during business hours, Mon. - Fri. from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM or give us a call at 480-832-6260.

FLU SHOTS

We can get our flu shots right here! Health Screens will be at the clubhouse on November 14th, starting at 1 PM . They will bill most insurance companies. Check the flier in the club house to see if your plan is listed. You must bring your insurance card for verification. The fee without insurance is \$25 for the flu shots and \$35 for the pneumonia shots. They take cash or check only. If you haven't got your flu shot already, do take advantage of this convenience.



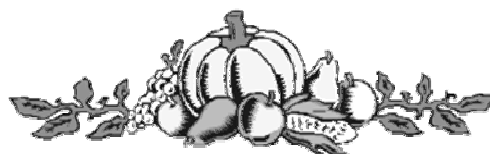
Wii GAMES

We will soon be able to play Wii games like golf and bowling on the large TV in the clubhouse.

For those of you who are as ignorant about Wiis as your editors were, here's some information. The latest version of Nintendo, the Wii can be played individually or in groups.

More importantly for us, it is said to improve coordination, balance, endurance and even thinking ability in elders. That's because, unlike other computer games where you just sit and move your fingers, Wii has you moving, swinging that "golf club," throwing that "bowling ball," etc. Thus you are more active.

So look for an announcement on the board and come give it a try.



WHY SHOULD I BELONG TO THE HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CLUB?

The HCC is a social organization, existing to make life here more enjoyable. Most of the activities in our community come about through the efforts of the HCC. If you live here you benefit from the HCC and you should be supporting it at least with your dues. To be successful, the HCC also needs people willing to run for Area Representatives and Officers. Without such volunteers, it will cease to exist.

The HCC does not dictate to the management although it may occasionally make suggestions. It is open to all residents, homeowners and renters alike. Dues are \$12 per person and most of this comes back to you in the form of outside entertainment and free meals. (That's the price you'd pay for a couple of meals at McDonalds, and here, you get better meals and entertainment besides.)



HOW DOES THE HCC WORK?

Our community is divided into 5 Areas. (See the back cover of your Directory to find out which Area you are in.) Each of the five Areas in the community votes for two Representatives and an alternate, so that the workload is spread around. Terms run for two years. Once the Area Representatives have been chosen, they meet and vote for President and Vice-President. Then the new

President appoints the Secretary, Treasurer and Activities Director.

Officers are chosen from the **whole** membership for one year terms. Together, Area Representatives and the Officers make up the Board. The Past President is a non-voting member of the board, as are all of the alternates.

The club plans and sponsors activities, is your voice to the rest of the community and sponsors the CAP.

This is your community! Join the HCC, attend the activities and consider being an Area Rep or Officer.



CALL FOR HCC CANDIDATES 2008-2009

Elections will be held on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008 for five Area Representatives. The Club is looking for members who are interested in the social aspects of our community and willing to devote a small amount of time in the next 2 years to pursue those interests.

Duties are not difficult or time consuming. An Area Representative attends monthly Board meetings that usually last about an hour and a half (none in the four summer months). On an Area rotating basis, they also assist with two or three social activities each year. A Director brings information from their area to the Board and passes it along to residents in their Area afterwards.

In addition to the Area Representatives, candidates interested in any of the Officer positions should declare their interest at this time. Since Officer terms run for only one year, the Board will be choosing all new officers (or re-choosing old ones.)

Current Area Representatives are soliciting for candidates now. Please contact them if they haven't contacted you yet.



GOING GREEN

Going Green will be a regular column. Feel free to contribute ideas or articles about conservation, recycling or anything that will help us keep our earth green. This month, we've chosen a subject we've all had on our minds lately.

Here are five tips for conserving water:



1. In most homes, over 50% of the water is used outdoors. Setting your timers for fewer days a week and fewer minutes can still give you a nice yard. (You can always increase the time.)

2. Catch the tap water you run waiting for it to get hot. Use it later on your house plants—or for flushing your toilet.

3. Toilets use the most water indoors. If you don't have the newer toilets with 1.6 gallons/flush, put a plastic container filled with pebbles in your tank. Check for small leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If color appears in the bowl without flushing, there's a leak.

4. An average bathtub holds 30-50 gallons of water (depending on how high you fill it.) A four minute shower with a regular shower head takes 20 gallons; the same time with a low-flow head takes only 10.

5. Don't leave your water running while you rinse dishes, brush your teeth or shave. Together, these add hundreds of gallons/month to your water usage.

A final idea. For week or so, keep a daily record of your water use along with a check list of things you've done that day like taking a shower or doing laundry. This will give you an idea of what activities you may want to focus on changing. (Ask your editors for a water form if you'd like to try this.)



THE SEASON OF HELPING

With fall, we welcome back the cool, refreshing nights and more enjoyable days, as well as our winter residents who (like me) spent summers in cooler climes. It's great to see all the familiar faces again.

This year, we are facing difficult times. Higher prices everywhere, a troublesome economy, and other such concerns to those of us with fixed incomes. However, we occasionally have residents with even more dire circumstances, thus our Community Assistance Program (CAP)

This program has been functioning for almost a year, during which we have assisted several folks. Our sole function is to locate residents that require this assistance and confidentially give them a hand. Our CAP committee consists of three residents: Pete Peters, #224 (218-5924), Connie Tusa, #221 (325-4831) and Phil Henault, #258 (474-4261).

My message is simple: If you know of someone who needs assistance or if you are reading this and need help, there are two avenues open to you. Both are absolutely confidential. You can either place a call to any committee member or simply write your phone and space number on a piece of paper, seal it in an envelope and put it on the clip of one of the three folks listed above. We'll take it from there and try to help make a difficult situation a little easier.

Please remember that although our mission is to give one time help to residents who need it, we are not mind readers. We can only help if we know of the need – and your job is to make sure we do. Let's work together and make this a season of thanksgiving for us all.

Pete Peters, CAP Chairman

Happy Birthday

- 1st Noel Cerciello, #37
- 2nd Eric Shaw # 86
- 3rd Carolyn Lund #39
- 3rd James Borque #32
- 4th Elton Kilfoyl # 199
- 6th Tom Lefebvre #94
- 7th Louis Johnson # 268
- 9th Hazel McCrea # 132
- 9th Yvonne Carr # 218
- 9th Lisa Webb #29
- 10th Warren Fisher # 190
- 11th Fred Schmidt # 175
- 12th Bert Baragar # 267
- 12th Gordon Will #132
- 14th Alice Gordon # 154
- 15th Dan Hargreaves # 266
- 17th Bob Sansom # 189
- 19th Bill Newman # 253
- 19th Ronald Hodgins # 270
- 19th Elaine Lefebvre #94
- 20th Susan Peterson #115
- 21st Kathleen Klawitter #44
- 21st Richard Kanzler #181
- 22nd Ann Barager # 267
- 24th Bill Johnson # 1
- 25th Susan Curtis #43
- 25th Polly Britto # 240
- 26th Jim McDaniel #47
- 27th Geri Sprout #77
- 28th Don Peterson # 123
- 28th Linda Conrad #182
- 29th Janie Alderman # 168
- 30th James Horvath # 12



TGIF Potluck. **Fridays** at 4:30 PM for happy hour and 5:30 PM for a great meal for only \$2.00. **Sign up.** bring a side dish, salad or dessert and a good appetite.

Happy Anniversary

- 2nd Del & Maradie Birmingham #162
- 5th Chuck & Kathy Heit #85
- 8th Butch & Bonnie Paltlow #140
- 11th Chad Burnett & Nancy Nusser #234
- 13th Jack and JoAnne Anderson, #113
- 14th Bill & Hilde Eshelman #202
- 20th Bill & Beverly Newman #253
- 20th Gordon & Joan Will #132
- 22nd Spike & Juanita McConnachie #173
- 22nd Bob & Patsy Totten #65
- 23rd Bob & Laurette Johnson #161
- 24th Jack & Lill Walsh #252
- 25th Carl & Rose Schweitzer, #263

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

SIGN UP for all activities so we'll know how many to plan for!

Homecoming Dinner and Awards. Saturday, the **8th**. See page 8.

Ice Cream Social: Sunday, the **16th** at 6:30 PM. Our own Highlands Chorus will serenade us with Gospel songs.

Casino Trip. We are going to Globe on Thursday, the **20th**. You pay \$10 and get a \$10 voucher at the casino. The bus leaves here at 8:30 AM and returns about 4:30 PM. Anyone wishing to play golf should call Barry Wood (218-7478).

Monthly Birthday Party. Sunday, the **23rd** at 4:00 PM. Cost: Free main dish and dessert, but bring a side dish.

Ladies Luncheon: Monday, the **24th** at 12:30 PM. We are back in the clubhouse. The ladies had a great time last month thanks to Ronnie Jans and the S'Bistro in downtown Mesa. The owner and chef had a good time too and showed his appreciation with a \$35 gift certificate for us to raffle off. Thanks, Ronnie!

Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Thursday, the **27th**. See page 8.

EXERCISES AND HEALTH

Weights: Monday, Wednesday, Friday.
7:45 - 8 AM with Mary O'Connor

Chair Exercises: Monday, Wednesday,
Friday, 8 - 8:30 AM with Maureen
Hobart

Ladies Pool Exercises: Week-
days, 9 AM with Martha Nicholson.
Come on down and join the fun!
Contact: Martha, 854-0110.



TOPS. The Highlands chapter of TOPS
will start this in the clubhouse month
(look for signs). Weigh-ins: Tuesdays at
10:45 AM and program at 11. Contact
Betty Olsen, 641-2462.

Shuffle Board. Tuesday and Thursday
at 10 AM, exercise on the courts west of
the pool. We are looking for someone
to take over the shuffle board duties. If
interested, contact Bill Newman, 664-
1515. If you just want to play or learn,
come on down. No sign-up necessary.



CRAFTS

Ceramics: Tuesday, 1 PM in the craft
room. "A fun way to be creative." Visi-
tors are always welcome. Contact: Sue
Rhodes, 924-1615.

Carving: Will likely start in mid No-
vember. Watch for announcements.

Quilting: Monday, 7 PM and Wednes-
day, 1 PM. "Not just quilts!" Bring your
quilting, sewing, knitting, or crocheting
project. Contact: Joyce, 832-6530.

Chorus: Tuesday, 7 PM. New singers –
and wannabe singers—always welcome!
Contact: Barb Peters, 218-5924.

- **Chiropractor:** *Someone who is al-
ways doing things behind your back.*
- **Dentist:** *Someone who puts your
money where your mouth is.*



CARDS CORNER

Sign up ahead of time and come play.
All activities are in the clubhouse unless
otherwise noted:

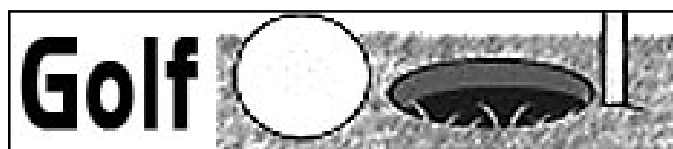
Men's Bridge: Monday, Wednesday &
Fridays, 12:30 PM.

500: Wednesday at 7 PM

Women's Bridge: Friday at 2:30 PM.
Everyone welcome.

Bunko: First and Third Wednesdays
(November 5 and 19) at 6:30 PM. Cost:
\$2, all returned in prizes and a snack
(hopefully not returned). Our summer
crowds were limited but enthusiastic.
In October, 7 of the 12 people present
shared prize money. Big winners were
Adele Genow and Dan Hargreaves.
Contact: Bill Johnson, #1 (807-1845).

Bingo: Thursday at 6:30 PM. An eve-
ning of fun with friends and neighbors,
treats and CASH—"You can make more
playing Bingo than golf."



We golf every Monday, Wednesday and
Friday starting at 9 AM. Ladies play on
Thursdays at 9 AM. Come out and play.

The Homecoming Scramble will be on
November 3, 5, and 7th. Awards will be
held on Friday, the 7th right after the
last game.

Elections will be on November 15th, at
the same time as the HCC elections. Do
show up, pay your golf dues (only \$5 for
a golf membership and \$2.50 for a so-
cial membership) and vote for Golf
Board Directors.

HOMEcomings DINNER WITH APRIL WALKER

Returning friends, fun food and April Walker with her keyboard and songs. What a way to start our season! Our Homecoming Dinner will be on November 8th, with cocktails at 4:30 PM, dinner at 5:30 and music at 6:30.

This year the meal will be a catered taco bar, with all the usual fixings. Of course, there'll be plenty of choices, even for the many of us who can no longer handle the spices.

April has been here several times. We always enjoy her singing and her quick wit. She's a local gal who's done well! Bring your dancing shoes, or just sit and listen. Either way, you are in for a very enjoyable night.

Celebrate Thanksgiving With Us!

Even if you can't be with your family this Thanksgiving, there's no need to sit home alone. Sign up, then show up at the clubhouse for a great home cooked dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27.

The meal will include turkey with gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes and sweet potatoes, , corn, a salad, rolls and two kinds of pie. All for only \$7 for HCC members and \$10 for guests. Be sure to sign up early.

Come join us in the clubhouse for a great meal and some good company. Bring your own drinks for cocktails at 1 PM. Dinner is at 2 PM.



PATIO, BAKE AND CRAFT SALE

Our semi-annual Patio, Bake and Craft Sale will be November 22nd, from 7am to 1pm. Sign up at the clubhouse to get a balloon and check if you need a table. The tables are limited, and so are first come, first served.

Chuck Heit, #85, (593-4438) will be presiding over the Community Assistance Program sale in the parking lot on the south side of the clubhouse. He is asking for donations of gently used or new items. Due to lack of space, please bring them to him no earlier than Friday the 21st. Anything not sold, will go to the Goodwill.

JoAnne Garrett (600-1853) and Pat Alexander (710-3397) will accept your baked goods. Proceeds from these go into our HCC treasury for all of us to enjoy. So if you buy, you get to enjoy twice: when you eat and when you attend a HCC sponsored event. Call Jacki Beard (654-1267) if you want to set up a craft table in the clubhouse. And call Chuck Heit for general information.



VETERANS DAY

VETERAN'S DAY

Let's all take time this month to honor the Veterans in our Community, and in our Country. Thank you for all you gave to keep us free. And thanks too, to our men who still serve.



AAMHO AND YOU

The Arizona Association Manufactured Home & RV Owners (AAMHO) is a network of 170 homeowner associations from parks throughout the state. Our local Highlands at Brentwood association presently has over 35 members.

A non-profit organization, AAMHO represents the interest of homeowners on a state wide level by assisting our lawmakers to protect the rights of homeowners. Closer to home, AAMHO also provides many services at the local level. Of particular interest is their participation in mediation committees that work to resolve disputes with park management.

We will be distributing materials and encouraging you to join during the Homecoming events in mid-November. Memberships are only \$24 a household. Or you can contact any of our local officers: Thom Feit, President; Jim McDaniel, 1st VP; Don Richer, 2nd VP and Irene Helm, Treasurer.

Further information: Thom Feit. #222, (656-0826) or go to the AAMHO website: <http://www.aamho.org/>



HCC COPIER

The HCC copier now lives with Peg and Millard Copas, #184. Please call them at 768-0785 first to make arrangements to make copies. They are in and out, but they will return messages.

EDITOR'S NOTES

What is your reason for choosing to live here? Our lovely little golf course?, Friendly neighbors? The great activities?

Whatever the reason, support your choice by coming out and **joining** the HCC and then exercising your vote. It's your home; your choice, your vote!

Jim and Helen Whitworth:

Space 19, Phone: 480-1117

Email: helen@whitworth2.com

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

New Residents:

Grove "Jack" & JoAnne Anderson, #133, 695-8071

John & Bev Browning, #136, 768-7400.

Noel & Sharon Cerciello, #37, 724-344-7444.

Lois D. Crooks, #98, 275-5120.

Linda Cowley, #254, 949-838-5845.

James & Julia Dunahee, #115, 285-7303 (Jim)

Terry Flynn, #41, 654-3621.

Scott Jensen, #210, 632-8787.

Diana Johnson, Paul A. Brown, #16.

Dean & Deb Neild, #54, 854-1486.

Ron Newkirk, #257, 748-1458.

Margie Salinas, Mark Waggoner, #216, 621-5457.

Carl & Rose Schweitzer, #263, 577-1285.

Hank & Sandy Strickland. #215, 466-4553.

Gordon & Joan Will. #132, 250-963-7296.

Scott Jensen, #210, 632-8787.

If you have any additions or corrections, please contact Helen Whitworth by email: Helen@whitworth2.com, phone: 981-1117 or place a note on the clip at space #19. (Don't forget to notify the office too.)