

CRV HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

Thanks to those who gave positive feedback about my message last month. My intent was to present facts about situations so that you are as well-informed as possible. Your HOA Board strives to be a strong voice in working for you, the residents, to resolve problems that affect you.

Our prospectus allows us as homeowners to sell our own homes, and using our website to advertise is no different from using a local newspaper. Residents want their homes marketed with up-to-date methods. Six of the homes that were listed on our website have already sold. Do not allow the office to dissuade you from taking advantage of this valuable and inexpensive tool when you decide to sell your home.

Thanks to Louise Hosie for her donation of the Healthometer scale in the Clubhouse Exercise Room, to the Spring Fling Crew for an outstanding job, and to Bob and Annie Collie for another successful Golf Scramble and for organizing CRV Golf all year long.

Management says they are getting bids on a heater for the pool. They offer no time frame for when they expect one to be installed. The water temperature has been in the mid 70s. I guess we will have to wait for the sun to heat our "heated" pool. They say they are also looking into hiring someone to look at the condition of our lakes. There has been a dramatic change, with weeds taking over, and fishing being affected. Many thanks to Management for indicating we will again have an operational telephone in our Clubhouse within 30 days. It is reassuring to our residents that this safety issue has been resolved.

Recently one couple who moved away returned to live in our Village because they missed the camaraderie. We have a wonderful community here in Crystal River Village. Keep the faith!

~Carl Preston (#340) 795-6458

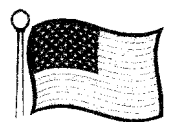
A Message from Trudy

It is unfortunate that Management chose to use my name in their recent letter to CRV residents. To put your minds at rest, Carl Preston and I have a good relationship. I cannot understand why the Whitehursts would suggest I would even consider replacing him. I think they are just trying to create unrest within our community. I feel Carl is doing an excellent job as our President, and I enjoy working with him and the rest of the HOA Board. The personal attack of our President in the Whitehurst letter is unfounded. When he brings concerns to the office, he is doing just what residents elected him to do, representing them on issues with Management. How else do we make our concerns known to them? Would they rather each resident hassle the office individually with their concerns?

Trudy Wood
CVR HOA Vice President

Memorial Day Plans

The May 25 Memorial Day Service will begin at 10:00 am at the flagpole at the entrance to our Village. The flag to be used for the ceremony was flown over Iraq and donated to CRV by Brad Stewart, son of Linda Shott.



We will gather at the Clubhouse afterward for a time of remembrance to honor those residents who have passed away since last Memorial Day. The following people will be remembered: Howard Bush, Dorothy Clark, Shirley Clapp, Barbara Cutchen, Betty Hendrix, Ken Hurst, Elaine Kramer, Lou Leo, Jan Robertson, Gary Rossi, Shirley St. George, Bob Stahley, Bill Swope, and Evelyn Throckmorton.

Refreshments will be served afterward. All residents are invited to attend. If you wish more information, contact Demas Brubacher, Chair for this event, at 795-2905.

Congratulations & Best Wishes!

May Birthdays

4	Barbara Reese	(290)		20	Peggy Hilton	(420)
6	Dolores Harrison	(336)		22	Tom Woodfill	(181)
9	Bud Shott	(504)		23	Shirley Decker	(520)
10	Robert Jewett	(370)		23	Bill Kuhn	(168)
10	Rose Peckham	(447)		24	Pat Rutherford	(003)
11	Fran Cardinal	(163)		24	Vernon Steffens	(159)
13	Eliza Velicu	(417)		24	Earl Tischer	(489)
14	Vernon Kiesler	(175)		26	Margaret Strother	(308)
17	Jim Brown	(298)		27	Bobbie Stahley	(421)
17	Cliff Cummings	(533)		28	David Hardin	(287)
19	Jack Hilton	(420)		28	Elma Mallett	(393)
19	Carl Kukka	(409)		29	Betty Steffens	(159)

May Anniversaries

9	Art & Mie Norton	(373)
14	Ed & Barbara Bakes	(525)
20	Bob & Fran Cardinal	(163)
29	Jim & Mert Brown	(298)

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Please notify me of any errors or omissions. Thanks, Susie

Quote: It is sad to grow old but nice to ripen. Brigitte Bardot

CRV Fishing Report

As I write this report I find almost all the local lakes are low. The only ramps I feel safe to launch at are on Lake Rousseau and the Withlacoochee River in Dunnellon. I've gotten good reports of great bass fishing, and Gulf fishing is also good right now.

I encourage all CRV readers to please help keep us up-to-date on what is happening here on our lakes. If someone catches fish, tell us about it. I was told that some gators were seen in our lakes, one was rather large. I also heard that a very large bass was caught on a popping bug with a fly rod. I'd like to hear from you, so please give me a call. I'll do my best to answer your questions about fishing. If anyone would like to go fishing, please contact me or stop by.

Ollie Simon Lot #364 Phone 220-6068

Speaker at May Pot Luck

At the May Pot Luck we will have a speaker from Florida Fish & Wildlife who will discuss the Whooping Crane Migration. Come enjoy a meal out with your friends and learn about this interesting program. Invite a neighbor to come with you; there is always enough food to go around. Louise Hosie, the Chairperson for our Pot Lucks is looking for hosts for the upcoming months. Please see her at this month's Pot Luck and volunteer.

Many Thanks...

...for your cards, calls and prayers during my recent heart attack, hospital stay, and other health issues. I am doing well. Jim & Mert Brown

...to our friends in Crystal River Village, we have to say "Good Bye." We loved the two short years we spent here. Thank you for being such good neighbors and friends. A special "thank you" to Bud Shott and the HOA web site for helping to sell our home here.

Love, Arleen Azzarone & Ralph Bardsley #339

...to all who helped make Don Gibeau's surprise 70th Birthday Party such a success.

Thelma Bachert

Pineapple Cheese Casserole

- 2 - 16 oz. cans Chunk Pineapple, drained
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup granulated Sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup all-purpose Flour
- 2 cups grated sharp Cheddar Cheese
- 1 stack Ritz crackers
- 2 sticks (1 cup) Butter, or margarine

Spread pineapple in a 2-quart casserole. Mix together the sugar, flour, and grated cheese. Add to casserole, mixing into the pineapple. Crush crackers and spread over the top of pineapple-cheese mixture. Melt butter and pour over crackers. Bake at 350 F for 30 minutes.

Many had asked for this recipe at last month's Pot Luck. Trudy Wood is happy to share it with you.

CRV Golf Tournament Winners

The Annual CRV & Friends Golf Scramble was held March 23rd at Brentwood Farms Golf Club. The results were as follows:

1st Place Team (10 under par):

Bob Bemiss Lynn Krueger
Ron Kerschner Art Pinto

2nd Place Team (9 under par):

Annie Collie Tom Douglas
Joyce Delcorso Bill Mannix

3rd Place Team (7 under par):

Leo Lumpiesz Carl Preston
Dennis Lunney Gayle Rastello

Closest to the Pin:

#2 Hole: Bill Owens
#4 Hole: Kathy O'Connor
#11 Hole: Frank Rymar
#13 Hole: Dennis Lunney

Longest Drive:

Ladies: Carol Lanzillo
Men: Don Treannie

Closest to the Line:

Ladies: Jane Bemiss
Men: Frank Doyle

Raffle Winners (Monies left over)

Jane Bemiss	Rick Buckmaster	Bill Cate
Ron Kershner	Dennis Lunney	Bev McFarlan
Bob O'Brien	Arlene O'Brien	Carl Preston
	Don Treannie	

The participants give special recognition and thanks to Bob & Annie Collie for doing such a fine job organizing this event each year. It was another successful outing. Following the tournament, hot dogs, hamburgers, beans and salads were served at our Clubhouse to golfers and guests, and winners were announced.

Bingo Jackpot Winners

Mar. 25	Linda Dix	\$250
Apr. 1	Lee Praytor	\$238
Apr. 8	Laura Autovino	\$77
	Margie Jordan	\$77
	David Martin	\$77
Apr. 15	Laura Autovino	\$218
Apr. 22	Don Hudson	\$214

On Apr.8 there were 10 winners at one center table. They really had an unusual run of luck.

The Citrus Playbill by Gary Ammerman

The Board of Directors of **The Gulf Island Civic Theatre, Inc.** recently voted to dissolve its corporation after being an important Citrus County theatre group since the 1970s. But do not despair! CRV resident Gary Ammerman and several other local thespians have incorporated a new theatre company. The new group is called **The Nature Coast Performers, Inc.** Their first production, "*Delval Divas*" will be produced in August. Other plays planned for their 2009-10 season will be "*And Then There Were None*," "*PS, Your Cat Is Dead*," and "*Lovers*". Keep your eyes open for their upcoming auditions and productions.

The next production at **The Art Center of Citrus County** will be "*The Lucky O'Learys*" by James Brochu. It will open on May 1, 2009 and run through May 17, 2009. Admission is \$18 for adults and \$12 for students.

Be sure to support Citrus County's Fine Arts!

Reverse 911 "CodeRED" System

Our County's Reverse 911 System was discussed at the April HOA meeting.. Here is how it works. In the event of an emergency an automated message is sent to all registered telephones in the affected area. It will give a brief statement of the emergency, and not just about hurricanes, but also fires, tornados and suspicious activity. If you are new to the Village or have changed your telephone number, follow these steps. Go to the Sheriff's web site, www.sheriffcitrus.org, select Emergency Management on the top line, and then choose CodeRED Registration. Fill in the required information, which is your name, address and phone number. If you have Special Needs, choose that registration option, which allows for information to be entered on the type of assistance you may need in the event of evacuation. If you have a cell phone, they will contact that number too. Be sure to check the box near the bottom that asks if you live in a manufactured home. If you are not sure if you have registered, do it anyway. This system will not make a duplicate entry if you are already listed. If you do not have a computer, contact the Emergency Management Office at **746-6555**, and they will register you. All CRV residents are encouraged to participate in this system.

Spring Fling a Success

More than 130 people had a great time “*Puttin’ on the Ritz.*” at the Spring Fling. Gloria Baker and Linda Shott did an outstanding job creating a ritzy but comfortable, fun atmosphere. The delightful meal was prepared by Don Hudson, with able assistance from Harry Rundle, David Martin, Bob Hrabec and Carl Preston. A highlight of the evening was the opportunity to pose behind a board-mounted evening dress and tux for “*Photos by Bud.*” Those photos can be seen on our website in CRV News. Following the meal, we danced to *Stardust* until we were worn out. Thanks to all on the Spring Fling Committee for your hard work in making this another successful event for the enjoyment of our residents here in Crystal River Village.

Odds & Ends

Did you know US postage prices are going up? Effective May 11 the cost will increase from 42 cents to 44 cents for a first class stamp.

Hurricane season begins the first of June. One item that causes a lot of damage in high winds is old, dead palm fronds. If you have a palm tree on your lot with fronds that need to be removed, you should get them trimmed before the season begins. It will protect your property and your neighbors as well.

Citrus Co. Family Resource Center

The Citrus County Family Resource Center is a place for young families to turn for support. This organization, which also runs the *Sponsor a Child for Christmas Project*, has been the recipient of the food CRV residents have donated in the past few months. These families are hungry all year, not just at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and they are very grateful for our continued support. During this time of year and in the summer months the food pantry stock becomes quite low. They can always use volunteers to work in the office, mentor young parents, repair clothing, or do data entry. If you have time on your hands and would like to make a difference to a young family in this County, please contact the Center at 344-1001. The food collection totes for donations will be at our clubhouse as long as there is an interest.

Shuffleboard Winners

- Mar. 24 Judy Hood & Shirley Peterson
- Mar. 31 Thelma Bachert & John Moore
- Apr. 7 Mal Hood & Woody Wood
- Apr. 14 Cancelled - rained out
- Apr. 21 Ken Nehring & Laura Schedel

Welcome New Residents

Several Village homes have sold in recent weeks. We welcome these new residents. We hope they come to love this Village as much as we do.

- #174 Bob & Mary Lou Benedict
and Joyce Blide from NY
- #293 Lucille & Ernst Keitel
- #294 Cindy Yuhn
daughter of Pat Rutherford (003)
- #339 Ron & Patty Ferro from NY
His parents, Jack & Jan Ferro
will be here most often.
- #384 Randall Goatee from KY
- #416 Jerry & Joan Helms from OH
- #432 Dottie Shumway may look familiar.
She is a sister to Ruth Slaton (438).
- #522 Skip & Ingrid Brinkman from MD

Farewell to Old Friends

The residents of three households in CRV have recently moved away. Don & Beverly McFarlan (384) moved to a rental in nearby Paradise Villas in Crystal River. They still hope to return to Crystal River when they are able. So you might see them on area golf courses. Jimmy Mitchell (432) moved to Ocala. Ralph Bardsley and Arleen Azzarone (339) returned to NJ. They do plan to return next winter and rent for a time. We will miss them all and hope they come back for a visit.

So Long to Our Snowbirds

Most of our snowbirds have left for their northern locations by now. We wish them all safe travels and a happy summer. We look forward to their return to our friendly Village next season.

April HOA Meeting Summary

A quorum was in attendance for the April meeting, so a lot of business was conducted. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and approved. (Editor's note: the full minutes are posted on the Bulletin Board along with the monthly calendar of activities for all to read. Please leave there for others to see.) Committee Chairs gave their reports. Not having a working Clubhouse phone was discussed at length. Gary Ammerman gave a timeline and report on the Mediation Process the Rent Committee went through with Management. Don Whitehurst and Jean Whitehurst had agreed to attend but did not do so. It was felt that Michael Whitehurst, the only owner who did attend, listened attentively and acknowledged our concerns, but he was not empowered to speak for the Ownership or make any decisions. The basic topics discussed were the pool, lawn maintenance, the lakes, and timeliness of needed repairs. It was generally noted that, while the mediation did not accomplish much, it did show Management that residents are no longer willing to quietly accept having amenities and basic needs diminished or removed. (See Rent Committee Summary insert)

New Business- A **motion** passed to allow \$1550 for operating expenses over the summer months (May through September) when a quorum is unlikely at HOA meetings. After much discussion, a **motion** was made and approved to remind the office that it is Management's responsibility to inform residents of health and safety concerns in recreational and common areas or caused by management-provided utilities and other services. We will no longer provide a Calling Committee to do that work for the office. LuAnn Talamo offered information about free legal advice available to seniors through Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida (CLSMF). They have an Inverness office. The helpline for Citrus County is 352-726-8512. You can find more information at their website clsmf.org. Our HOA presently has no liability insurance. In the event of a lawsuit, our HOA Board could be named. A **motion** was made and approved to have a committee find the best price for coverage, and allow the Board to make a contract not to exceed \$1670. An Ad Hoc Insurance Research Committee consisting of Dale Nichols and Bob Hrabec was named. The city of Inverness recently gave approval to allow the use of golf carts on its streets. Gary Ammerman will send a letter to the Crystal River City Council requesting they look into allowing golf cart use here in Crystal River.

Many of the Clubhouse tables are in poor shape, but Management has no plan to repair or replace them. A few residents have expressed interest in our HOA purchasing some, possibly round ones. However it was agreed to "table" that issue for now.

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Water Use Information

Many residents have questions on when they can water lawns, wash cars, and such. Crystal River has implemented the following restrictions based on mandatory restrictions from Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD).

Lawn & Landscape Watering: You may only water once a week, using the following schedule:

If your **lot number** ends in -
0 or 1 - water only on Monday prior to 8 am or after 6 pm
2 or 3 - water only on Tuesday prior to 8 am or after 6 pm
4 or 5 - water only on Wednesday prior to 8 am or after 6 pm
6 or 7 - water only on Thursday prior to 8 am or after 6 pm
8 or 9 - water only on Friday prior to 8 am or after 6 pm

Hand watering for non-lawn landscape is allowed, and there are certain exemptions for new plantings.

Car Washing: limited to once per week (per car), and cut-off nozzles are required. If your **lot number** ends in an even number, wash your car only on Tuesday or Saturday. If your **lot number** ends in an odd number, wash your car only on Wednesday or Sunday.

Fountains: limited to a maximum use of 8 hours a day, unless they provide a necessary benefit such as aeration.

Contact SWFWMD at 1-800-848-0499 with specific questions or for more information. Your cooperation during this time of extreme water shortage is greatly appreciated.

Crystal River Village - May 2009 - Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Table Pool	2 10:30am - Horseshoes
3	4 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker	5 8am- Men's Breakfast Ladies included 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Meeting	6 10am -Blood Pressure 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	7 8am - ALUM CANS AT CURB 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg	8 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	9 8-10am - SAT MORN BREAKFAST 10:30am - Horseshoes
10 <i>Mother's Day</i>	11 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker	12 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	13 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	14 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg 7pm - Card Games	15 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 1pm - Craft Class 7pm - Table Pool	16 10:30am - Horseshoes
17	18 9:30am - CRV Golf 6:30pm - Quilting 7pm - Poker	19 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos 7pm - HOA Board	20 10am -Blood Pressure 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	21 9:30am - Painting Grp 1pm - Mah-jongg 6pm - POT LUCK	22 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	23 10:30am - Horseshoes
24 ----- 31	25 <i>Memorial Day Service 10:00 am at Flagpole</i> 7pm - Poker	26 8am- Men's Breakfast 10am - Shuffleboard 1pm - Dominos	27 12noon - Bowling 1pm - Bridge 7pm - Bingo 7pm - Table Pool	28 9:30am - Painting Grp 12 noon - LADIES LUNCHEON 1pm - Mah-jongg 7pm - Card Games	29 9:30am - CRV Golf 1pm - Games 7pm - Table Pool	30 10:30am - Horseshoes

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